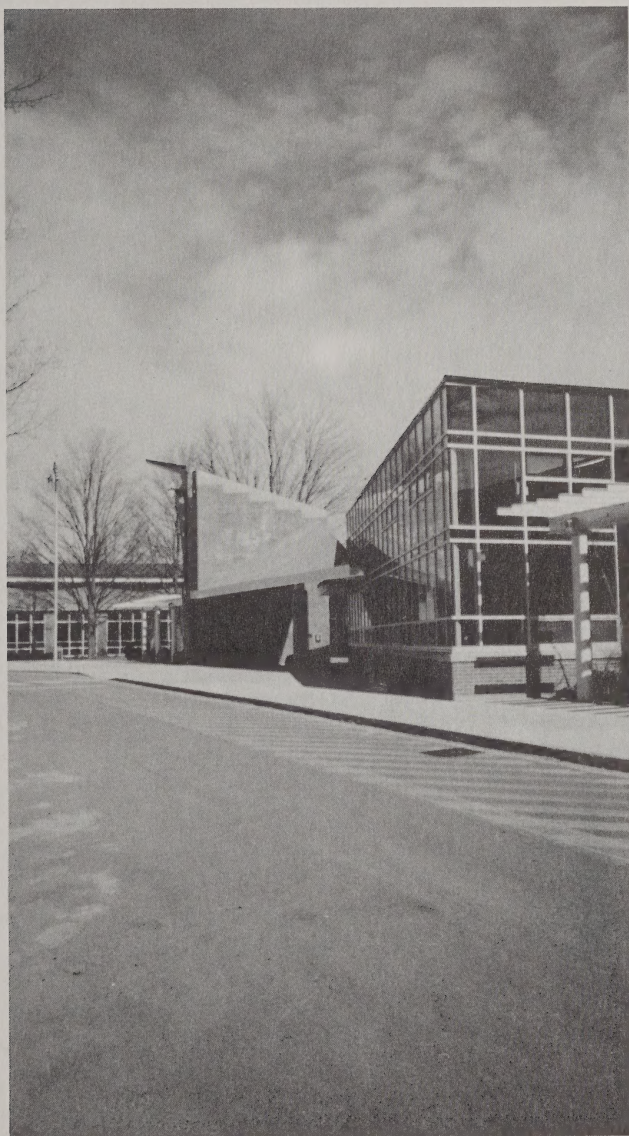


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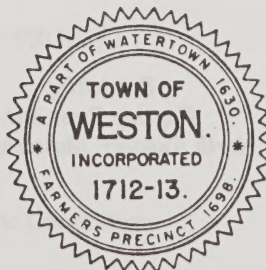
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MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1998



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WESTON

FINANCES IN BRIEF

GRAPHIC PRESENTATION

OF

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

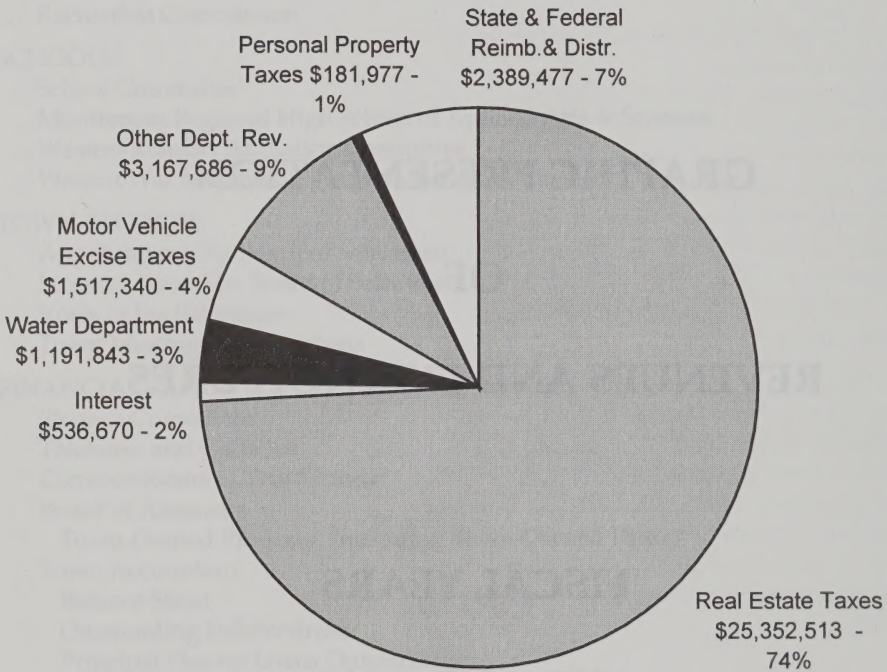
FISCAL YEARS

1997 AND 1998

SOURCES OF GENERAL FUND REVENUE

Fiscal Year 1997

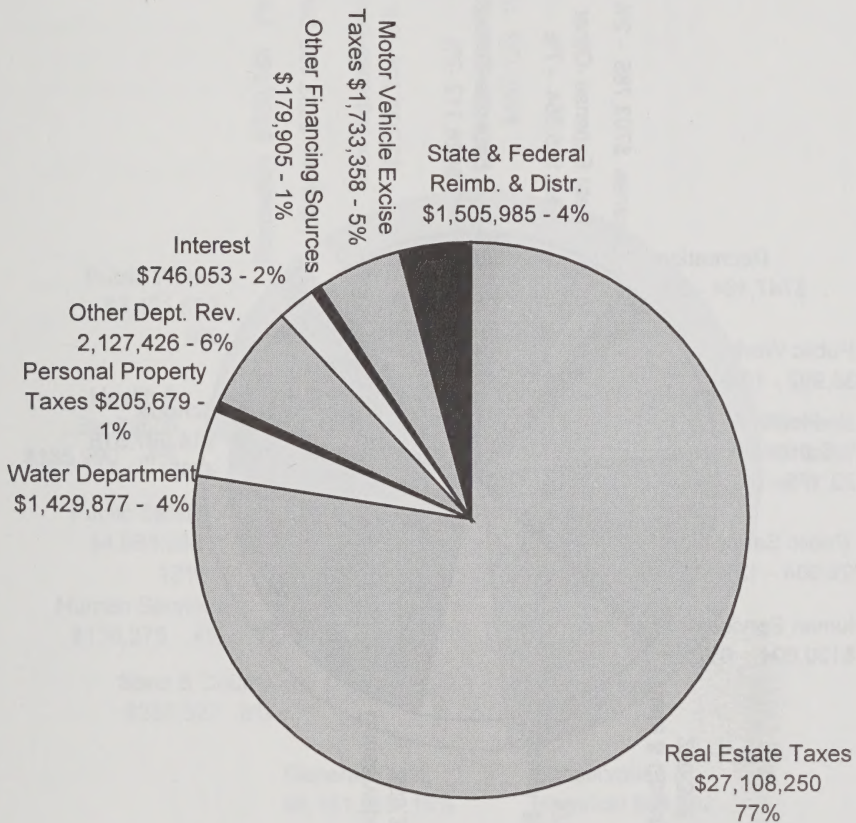
Total Revenue - \$34,337,507



SOURCES OF GENERAL FUND REVENUE

Fiscal Year 1998

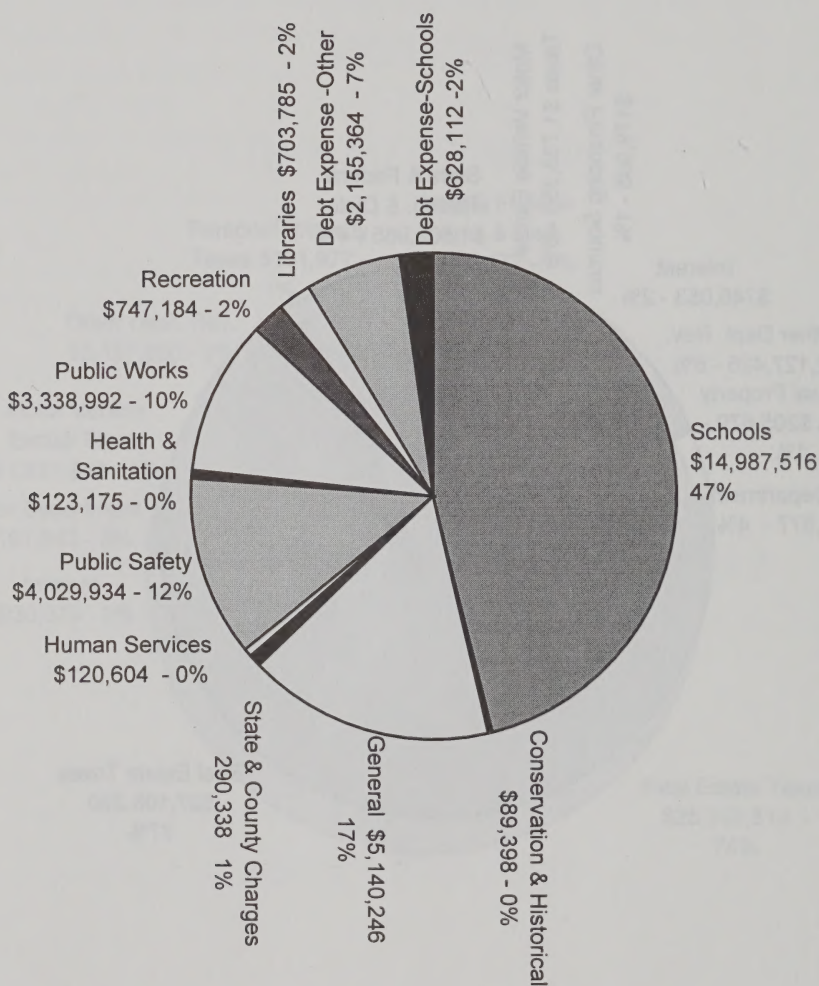
Total Revenue (Net of Refunds) - \$35,035,723



DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year 1997

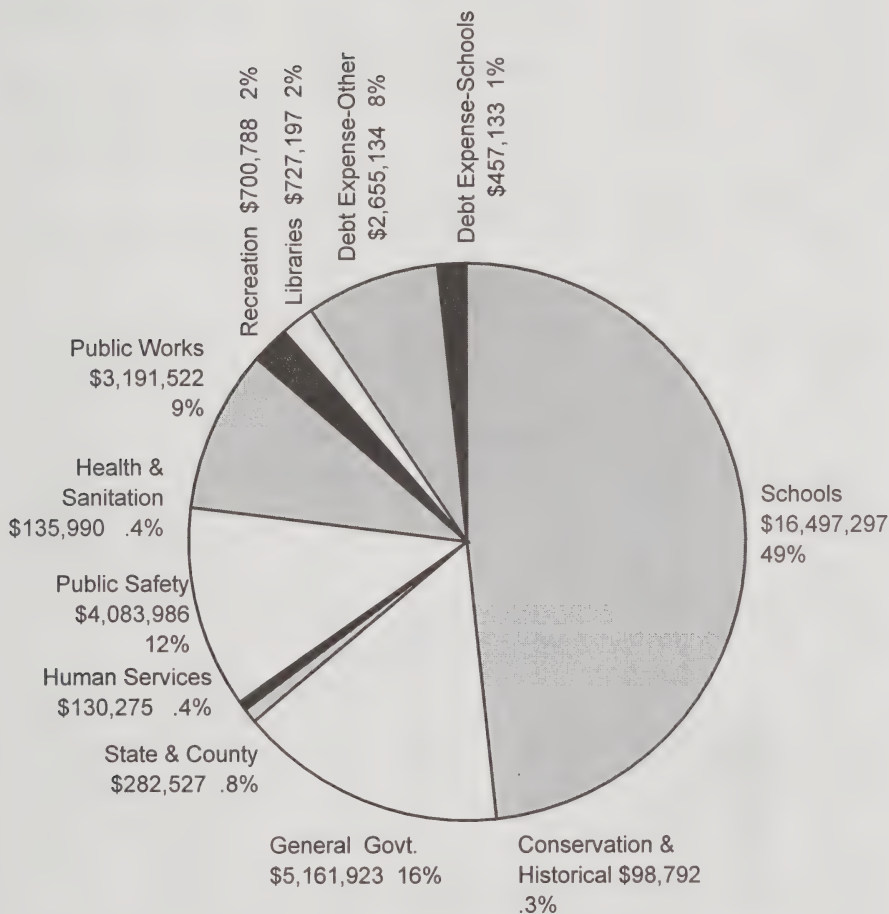
Total Expenditures - \$32,354,648



DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year 1998

Total Expenditures - \$ 34,122,564



STATISTICS

	Year Ending 30-Jun-90	Year Ending 30-Jun-91	Year Ending 30-Jun-92	Year Ending 30-Jun-93	Year Ending 30-Jun-94	Year Ending 30-Jun-95	Year Ending 30-Jun-96	Year Ending 30-Jun-97	Year Ending 30-Jun-98
Population (1)	10,200	10,200	10,200	10,444	10,444	10,474	10,704	10,911	11,103
Number of Voters	6,773	6,488	6,539	6,764	6,808	6,626	7,173	7,455	7,128
Number of Dwelling Houses (2)	3,145	3,145	3,145	3,179	3,224	3,224	3,256	3,273	3,389
School Membership (average) (3)	1,458	1,476	1,574	1,632	1,676	1,769	1,867	1,971	2,062
Valuation of Real Estate	\$ 1,880,206,300	\$ 1,883,971,000	\$ 1,882,954,100	\$ 1,630,902,300	\$ 1,644,939,500	\$ 1,673,909,300	\$ 1,932,566,800	\$ 1,964,218,100	\$ 2,006,045,900
Valuation of Personal Property	11,433,200	11,391,100	11,459,900	13,806,100	13,604,700	13,563,300	13,806,200	14,161,900	15,505,000
Total Assessed Valuation	\$ 1,891,639,500	\$ 1,895,362,100	\$ 1,894,414,000	\$ 1,644,708,400	\$ 1,658,544,200	\$ 1,687,472,600	\$ 1,946,373,000	\$ 1,978,380,000	\$ 2,021,550,900
Local Aid Fund	\$ 74,332	\$ 82,779	-	-	10,050	20,708	-	-	-
General Fund Distribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Received	\$ 74,332	\$ 82,779	-	-	10,050	20,708	-	-	-
Metropolitan Parks Assessment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mass. Bay Trans. Authority	230,371	233,935	239,537	243,749	214,325	218,459	217,805	221,349	216,951
County Tax (4)	24,278	36,885	44,067	45,169	51,822	53,118	51,933	51,931	50,664
Paid	\$ 254,649	\$ 270,820	\$ 283,604	\$ 288,918	\$ 266,147	\$ 271,577	\$ 269,738	\$ 273,280	\$ 267,615
Town Debt	\$ 8,417,000	\$ 9,370,000	\$ 10,030,000	\$ 8,820,000	\$ 11,420,000	\$ 15,770,000	\$ 15,520,000	\$ 13,745,000	\$ 12,175,000
Tax Rate per \$1,000 Valuation	\$ 9.22	\$ 9.98	\$ 10.74	\$ 12.63	\$ 13.10	\$ 13.55	\$ 12.58	\$ 12.94	\$ 13.37

(1) As of January 1. Sources: 1990 Federal Census, Town Census for all other years.
 (2) Does not include 99 units in Jericho Village, 64 units in Meriam Village and 53 units in Brook School Apartments.
 (3) School year ending June 30: average membership as of October 1 of the previous year.
 (4) Includes assessments for Middlesex County Hospital.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON

ELECTED BY THE VOTERS

Terms Expire

Moderator

Robert M. Buchanan	1999
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Board of Selectmen

Ripley E. Hastings, Chairman	2000
Douglas P. Gillespie	2001
Elizabeth D. Nichols	1999

Town Clerk

Mary Elizabeth Nolan	2001
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Board of Assessors

Donald B. Myers, Chairman	1999
Phyllis S. Goodman	2000
Stewart C. Woodworth	2001

School Committee

Katharine T. Smith, Chairman	2001
Maureen S. Ecker	2001
Thomas Friedlander	1999
Darcy Lettieri	2000
Robert Anthony Nolan	2000

Recreation Commission

Gregory Czarnowski, Chairman	2000
Cheryl Walsh Kelly	2000
Ella Warren Merrill	2001
Cornelia S. W. Newell	1999
Julie S. Pemberton	2001
James I. Rubens	1999

Planning Board

Kathy J. Detwiler, Chairman	2001
Alfred L. Aydelott	1999
Lee C. Fernandez	2003
Pamela W. Fox	2002
G. Roger Lee	2000

Board of Health

Joan B. Vernon, Chairman	2000
Nicholas G. Guerina	2001
Marie Tobin, Secretary	1999

Board of Library Trustees

William D. Hartmann, Chairman	2000
Karen Benjamin, Secretary	2001
Charles (Tod) Foote	2000
Kate Greswold (<i>resigned</i>)	1999
Robert J. T. Kulow	1999
Meredith B. Stevens	2001
Pamela J. Wood (<i>appointed to fill vacancy</i>)	1999

Measurers of Lumber

Glenn Brewster	1999
Adam D. Hyde	1999
F. Douglas Garron	1999

Commissioners of Trust Funds

Charles M. Ganson, Jr., Chairman	1999
James R. Nichols	2000
S. Melvin Rines	2001

APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

Town Administrator

J. Ward Carter	1999
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Town Accountant

Karl R. Lahanas (<i>resigned</i>)	1999
Patricia Fay	2001

Assistant Town Administrator

Donna S. VanderClock	<i>To serve at the Pleasure of the Selectmen</i>
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Assistant to the Town Accountant

Ida Mae DeBuono	<i>To serve at the Pleasure of the Selectmen</i>
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Town Counsel

Kopelman & Paige, P.C.

Town Engineer

Vacancy

Treasurer & Collector

Mark S. Good (<i>resigned effective February 4, 1999</i>)	1999
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Director of Public Works

Richard C. Nota	1999
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Superintendent of Streets

Paul Scott

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Vacancy

Commissioner, East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project		
David S. Johansen	<i>To serve at the Pleasure of the Selectmen</i>	
	Tree Warden	
Paul L. Brackett		1999
	Chief of Police	
Charles C. Mayo		1999
	Keeper of Lockup	
Charles C. Mayo		1999
	Deputy Chief of Police	
Roland W. Anderson		1999
	Chief of Fire Department and Forest Warden	
John E. Thorburn		1999
	Inspector of Buildings and Wires	
Courtney W. Atkinson		1999
	Deputy Inspector of Buildings	
Earl D. Midgley		1999
	Deputy Inspector of Wires	
Oscar LeBlanc		1999
	Inspector of Gas Piping and Appliances	
Edward F. Perilli		1999
	Deputy Inspector of Gas Piping and Appliances	
Edward C. Fredericks, Jr.		1999
	Inspector of Plumbing	
Edward F. Perilli	<i>Under Civil Service</i>	
	Deputy Inspector of Plumbing	
Edward C. Fredericks, Jr.	<i>Under Civil Service</i>	
	Sealer of Weights and Measures	
Courtney W. Atkinson		1999
	Public Weighers	
Denny F. High		1998
Walter Mulcahy		1998
Daniel Nourse		1998
John Place		1998
Kenneth C. Sutherland		1998
Kevin H. Whittemore		1998
	Director of Emergency Management	
John E. Thorburn		1999
	Director of Veteran's Services	
Mark A. Aldrich		1999
	Veterans' Agent	
Mark A. Aldrich		1999
	Veterans' Graves Officer	
David S. Johansen		1999

Dog Officer and Pound Keeper

Robert F. Cronin 1999

Parking Clerk

Lucy K. Saunders *To serve at the Pleasure of the Selectmen*

Fence Viewers

John J. Havlicek 1997

Field Drivers

Sandra S. Gee 1997

Council on Aging

Irvonne Moran, Chairman 2002

Connie Davis 1999

Charles Dolberg 2001

Pauline Germeshausen 2001

Milo Igersheimer 1999

Vivienne Kalman 2002

Marion Mason 2000

Linda McDowell *(to fill vacancy)* 2000

Thomas Perls *(resigned)* 2000

Mercedes Primer *(to fill vacancy)* 2002

Katherine Strehle 2000

Reverend Patrick A. Sullivan *(resigned)* 2002

Jonathan White 1999

Alcohol and Drug Education Advisory Committee

Janet Gordon Bain, Co-Chair Richard Houde

Joan MacClary, Co-Chair Laura Jenks-Daly

Paul Arkema Darcy Lettieri

Connie Davis Reverend Joseph Mayher

Cheryl Haug-Simons Linda J. Perrin

Nancy W. Healey Laura G. Wernick

To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen

Committee for Implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act

Paul J. Donahue, Jr. Miguel Gomez-Ibanez

Marilyn N. Jacobs

To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen

Board of Appeals

Members:

Robert P. Cook, Chairman	1999
Earl M. Harvey	2001
Wendy K. Armour	2000

Associate Members:

Peter Knight	1999
Winifred Li	2000
Marc Margulies	2001

Cable Advisory Committee

Edwin E. Smith, Chairman	F. Douglas Garron
Donald R. Shapiro	
<i>To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen</i>	

Community Center Study Committee

(Appointed under Article 12 of Warrant for
May 8, 1978, Annual Town Meeting)

Blake E. Munson	Linda J. Perrin
<i>Terms expire 1991</i>	

Computer Advisory Committee

Ellen J. Greendale, Chairman	Mark S. Good
J. Ward Carter	Donald R. Shapiro
Randy M. Connolly	John A. Stayn
Donna S. VanderClock	
<i>To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen</i>	

Conservation Commission

George P. Bates, Chairman	2000
Imogene Fish	1999
Kathleen G. Fishburn	2000
Gustav Fleischmann, III	2001
David C. Phelan	2000
Mary Ann Pappanikou	2001
Charles A. Whitney	1999

Crescent Street Historic District Commission

Alfred L. Aydelott, Chairman	2000
George F. Amadon	2000
Patricia Mansfield	1999
Anna Melone Pollock (<i>to fill vacancy</i>)	1999
John Sallay	2001

Weston Cultural Council

Christine Martin, Co-Chair	1999
Frank Hamm, Co-chair	2000
Audrey Foster	2001
Deborah Knight	2001
Carol Sahlman	2001
J. Thomas Selldorff	1999
Rees F. Tulloss	2000
John C. Williams	1999
<i>Vacancies (2)</i>	

Committee to Study Employee Health Insurance Matters

Joseph W. Ambash	Peter S. Yozell
<i>To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen</i>	

Historical Commission

Alfred L. Aydelott, Chairman	2000
Woodie C. Flowers	2000
Diane G. Hubbard	2001
Judith Markland	2001
Samuel E. Payson, Secretary	1999
Mary M. Pughe	2000
Edward Rossiter	1999

Housing Needs Committee

*(Appointed under Article 14 of Warrant for
May 19, 1986, Annual Town Meeting)*

Laurence Gerber, Chairman	Paul M. Vaughn
Jane K. Donnelly	<i>Vacancies (5)</i>
<i>To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen</i>	

Committee to Study Proposals for a Land Bank

Robin Reisman, Chairman	Pamela W. Fox
Robert G. Abbott	Karen S. Gallagher
George Bates	Kathleen B. McCahan
Kate Detwiler	Cheryl K. Nicholas
Brian Donahue	Mary M. Pughe
Kathleen G. Fishburn	Paul M. Vaughn
<i>To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen</i>	

Committee to Study Procedures for Action Pursuant to M.G.L Chapters 61, 61A and 61B

Douglas Gillespie	Elliot D. Lobel
Barbara Hill	Kathleen B. McCahan
<i>To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen</i>	

Town Map Committee

G. Roger Lee

Richard D. Wright

Vacancy (1)

To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen

Trustees of the Merriam Fund

Reverend Susan E. Crane

2000

Ellen Pendergast

2001

Father Robert Tyrell

1999

Metropolitan Area Planning Council Representative

Marillyn A. Zacharis

1999

MetroWest Growth Management Committee

Douglas P. Gillespie

Kathy J. Detwiler

MetroWest Bicycle Task Force

Kenneth Hablow

MetroWest Open Space Task Force

Kathleen B. McCahan

MetroWest Water Resources Subcommittee

Alan T. Orth

Committee for Mitigation and Compensation for M.W.R.A. Projects

Robert Davis Brown, Chairman

J. Thomas Selldorff

Ingeborg Uhler

To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen

MBTA Advisory Board Representative

Edward M. Dickson

Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee

Kathleen B. McCahan, Chairman

Pamela W. Fox

Nina Danforth

Mary B. Horne

Lee C. Fernandez

Mary A. Lord

Denise Mosher

To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen

Personnel Advisory Committee

Philip Saunders, Jr., Chairman

Daniel D. Donovan

Joseph W. Ambash

Elise F. Rockart

Mary M. Sullivan (*resigned*)

Terms to expire June 30, 1998

Public Works Committee

John E. Gieselman, Chairman	1999
Robert L. Buonato	2000
Edward T. T. Chiang	2001
H. Bentley Crouch	2001
John C. Heine	2001
Arthur C. Lee	2000
Paul F. Young	1999

R.S.V.P. Advisory Board

Mary Rossi	Ann A. Ulm
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Recycling Education Committee

Jean Reynolds, Chairman	Marjorie Harnish
Jane Brigham	Robin Reisman

To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen

Board of Registrars of Voters

Carter M. Crawford, Republican, Chairman	2000
Dorothy F. McCarthy, Democrat	2001
George D. Noble, Jr., Democrat	1999
The Town Clerk, <i>ex officio</i> , M. Elizabeth Nolan	2001

Committee to Renovate Town Hall and Former Library

Robin Reisman, Chair	Elizabeth S. Ericson
Judy Barro	Michael H. Harrity
Susan F. Beane	Andrew Marvel

To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen

Committee to Study Uses and Space Needs for

Public Lands and Public Buildings

*(Appointed under Article 6 of Warrant for
October 21, 1985, Special Town Meeting)*

G. William Helm., Chairman	Kent W. Davenport
John Batter	Andrew Marvel

Joan B. Vernon

To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen

Committee on Safety and Flow of Pedestrian and Vehicular Traffic

Robert A. Mosher, Chairman	William J. McCarthy
David P. Bell	Eugene C. Ritvo
Ronald E. Benotti	Thomas E. Shepherd, Jr.
Francine P. Lee	Joseph E. Williams, Jr.

Terms expire in 1999

Traffic Advisory Committee

Lee Engler, Chairman	Richard C. Nota
Katharine D. Chace	Cheryl L. Stookey (<i>resigned</i>)
Charles C. Mayo	Vacancy (1)

To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen

Police Officers (Under Civil Service)

	<u>Date of Seniority</u>
Police Lieutenant	
John C. Bentley <i>(resigned in December, 1998, effective Jan 8, 1999)</i>	5/1/69
Police Sergeants	
Robert F. Allenberg	11/12/68
Vincent P. Corcoran	1/16/67
Thomas M. Healey	8/18/61
Thomas F. W. Nims	11/12/68
Police Officers	
Roland W. Anderson*	12/9/68
Ronald E. Benotti	1/26/81
Robert H. Cook	12/19/73
William H. Garrigan, III	5/24/71
Francis J. Hines, Jr.	8/7/77
Michael E. Joyal	6/25/72
Robert C. Millen, Jr.	4/7/71
Walter P. Nelson	9/23/74
Steven F. Shaw	1/26/81
Richard P. Staunton	2/16/75
Reserve Police Officers	
James J. Butler, III	1/22/80
Police Officers (Not Under Civil Service)	
Mark J. Alonzi	1/04/88
Gilbert C. Boyes, Jr.	10/22/82
John J. Forti	3/31/86
John F. Lyons	3/16/87
Daniel C. Maguire	7/18/82
Stephen A. McShane	7/18/82
Dale A. Muldoon	3/16/87
Leo F. Richards, III	9/15/86
Barbara Jean Conte	10/01/90
Intermittent Police Officers (Not Under Civil Service)	
Roger K. McKinnon	9/22/86
Virginia Audrey McKinnon	9/22/86

*On leave of absence

Constable to Serve Civil Process

Robert P. Millian, Jr.

May 15, 1999

APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

Terms Expire

Finance Committee

Robbe Burnstine, Co-Chrmn.	1999
Vincent Costantini, Co-Chrmn.	1999
John H. Chory, Esq.	2001
Richard J. Fishburn	2000
Dexter Freeman	2001
James F. Gerrity III	2001
Jeffrey Plank	2000
Philip H. Thurston	1999
Marillyn A. Zacharis	2000

Weston Elderly Housing Committee

*(appointed under Article 19 of Warrant for
May 9, 1977, Annual Town Meeting)*

William Cress, Chairman	1999
Jacqueline P. Fields	2000
John Heine	2000
Melvyn Lurie	2001
Vacancy (1)	

Library Building Committee

*(Appointed under Article 6 of Warrant for
October 19, 1987, Special Town Meeting)*

John J. Doyle, Jr., Chairman	Harry R. Hoehler
Lynn T. Broutas	Philip Minervino

Arria Sands

Memorial Day Committee

George F. Amadon <i>(resigned)</i>	Beverly Dillaway
Reverend Susan E. Crane	Max A. Pelsue

Gary F. Wolcott

**Member Minuteman Regional Vocational
Technical School Committee**

J.J. Gazzola

(Term to expire June 30, 1997)

Weston Rombas Affiliation Committee

Emily Hutcheson, Chair Susan DiMartino
Susan T. Burke Philip Joseph Mayher

Registered Voters for a 3-year term to expire 1999

Carter M. Crawford Nancy Inui
Nancy Selvage

Registered voters for a 3- year term to expire 2000

Diane Hildreth Lucy Mooney

Catharine F. Nicholson

Registered voters for a 3- year term to expire 2001

Martha Bancroft Cynthia Crimmin

Olmanda Hernandez

Teachers for a 1-year term to expire 1999

William Barclay Gwen Nolan
Joseph Forte Sujata Sharma

Students for a 1-year term to expire 1999

Sewer Committee

*(Appointed under Article 9 of Warrant for
March 28, 1966, Annual Town Meeting)*

Vacancies (3)

Town Building Committee

*(Appointed under Article 19 of Warrant for
March 30, 1970, Annual Town Meeting)*

Nicholas J. Baker Frederick S. Gilman

Vacancies (3)

Weston War Memorial Education Fund Committee

*(Appointed under Article 13 of Warrant for
March 23, 1953, Annual Town Meeting)*

Harry B. Jones, Chairman	2001
Robert C. Millen, Jr.	1998
Donald E. Pierson	2002
Aimo H. Teittinen	2000
Phyllis C. Wheeler	1999

APPOINTED BY THE TOWN CLERK

Assistant Town Clerk

Edward M. Dickson

APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Inspector of Animals

Paula B. Nicholas	1998
Joan B. Vernon	1998

Agents to Issue Burial Permits

M. Elizabeth Nolan	Gunta Grube
J. Ward Carter	Denise Johnson
Lisbeth C. Zeytoonjian	Ayesha Ahmed
Keith Kasprzak	Paula Nicholas
Eric Kester	David Nims

Health Director

Roy D. Sanderson

APPOINTED BY THE TOWN TREASURER

Assistant Treasurer

Mildred M. Cronin	1999
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APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL ON AGING

R.S.V.P. Advisory Board

Marie Pelsue

CALENDAR*

Board of Selectmen - Normally meets
Tuesdays - 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall

*Call Selectmen's Office 893-7320,
ext. 308*

School Committee - Normally meets
twice per month on Mondays at Weston
Library

*Call School Information Line, 529-8092
or Superintendent of Schools, 529-8080*

Planning Board - Normally meets
Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall

*Call Planning Board Office, 893-7320,
ext. 321 or 323*

Board of Health - Normally meets on
first Wednesday of each month, 9:00
a.m. at Town Library

Call Board of Health, 529-0104

Recreation Commission - Normally
meets on first Tuesday of each month,
7:30 p.m.

Call Recreation Department, 529-0203

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

(as of December 31, 1998)

Senators in Congress

Edward M. Kennedy of Squaw Island,
Barnstable
John F. Kerry of Boston

Representative in Congress,
Seventh Congressional District

Edward J. Markey of Malden

Councillor, Third District

Marilyn Petitto Devaney of Watertown

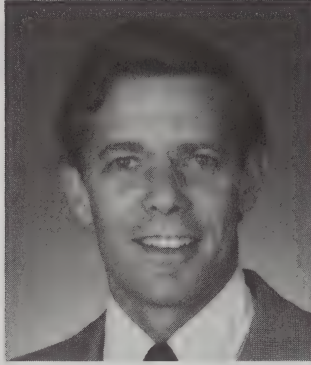
State Senator,
Fifth Middlesex District

Susan Fargo of Lincoln

Representative in General Court,
Fourteenth Norfolk District

John A. Locke of Wellesley

**All schedules subject to change - Call offices listed*



Ripley E. Hastings
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

GENERAL GOVERNMENT



Douglas P. Gillespie
Selectman



Elizabeth D. Nichols
Selectman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ripley E. Hastings, Joseph W. Mullin and Elizabeth D. Nichols served as the Board of Selectmen conducting the business of the town for the first half of 1998, with Mr. Mullin filling the office of Chairman. At the May Town Election, Douglas P. Gillespie was elected to the Board, Mr. Mullin having declined to seek election to a fourth term. At the first meeting of the Board after the Annual Town Meeting, Mr. Hastings was elected to the office of Chairman and Mr. Gillespie to the office of Secretary. The Board continued its practice of meeting weekly on Tuesday evenings at the Town Hall. All meetings of the Board are open to the public except when the Board votes to go into executive session for certain matters as permitted by the Open Meeting Law.

This report will focus upon highlights and issues of the year. For a detailed report of the work of the Board of Selectmen, please see the section entitled "Votes of the Board of Selectmen" at page 135. Detailed reports of the various town committees follow this report and are well worth reading to gain an understanding of the variety and complexity of town affairs.

The Selectmen's decisions throughout the year continued to reflect an underlying policy assumption that the residents of the Town of Weston want to keep and preserve what we have in the way of character, assets and services. The Selectmen seek reassurance that all town spending is appropriate and justifiable, and that it maintains or adds to the overall value of the town. These policy assumptions were tested from time to time through discussion at town forums and hearings, and were once again ratified when the Annual Town Meeting approved the Fiscal Year 1999 Town Budget totaling \$36,485,978. This represented a 5.62 percent budget increase, which by using \$1.35 million in "free cash" to reduce the tax levy avoided a Proposition 2 ½ override.

While the overall economy continued to be strong, and new construction in Weston flourished with a result of both growth within the tax base of the town and a growing burden upon some town services, particularly schools, fiscal responsibility and restraint continued to be primary considerations. The Board of Selectmen continued to address infrastructure needs that had been previously postponed, especially the condition of town buildings and equipment, and preliminary assessment of serious stormwater concerns.

Dickson Meadow

In January the Board received notice from Edward and Polly Dickson of their intention to gift a 10+ acre site along Highland Street to The Community Builders, Incorporated, for a mixed income neighborhood development of 18 homes, which would include six homes meeting the state's guidelines for afford-

affordable housing. Since the land to be gifted was enrolled under the Farmland Assessment Act (Chapter 61A of the General Laws), the town held a 120-day right of first refusal to acquire the parcel, or assign the option to a non-profit conservation organization. Following numerous meetings and much discussion from citizens throughout the town, the Board voted unanimously to waive the town's rights, in exchange for an opportunity to participate formally in the planning of the project. In November, the Board approved an additional waiver on a sliver of land to further enhance the setbacks of the development.

The Board of Selectmen has long recognized the need for both affordable and moderately priced housing stock in Weston, and the generosity of the Dicksons makes progress in this area possible. The Board is pleased that the evolving design will retain a substantial portion of the existing meadow, and provide an aesthetic view from this scenic road of an extremely attractive new neighborhood. At year's end, The Community Builders had submitted their application for a comprehensive permit to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

As a result of concerns voiced by some residents critical of the Board's handling of the right of first refusal opportunities, the Selectmen established a committee to develop procedures to follow in the case of future conversion or sale of parcels enrolled in the current-use tax statutes of Chapters 61, 61A and 61B for forestry, farming and recreational lands. That committee developed a concise policy that includes notification of neighbors and other interested parties, and outlines the process clearly for all involved. The Board of Selectmen adopted the policy at year's end, and thanked the committee for their service.

Mass. Broken Stone

The Board of Selectmen continued to monitor possible development of the Massachusetts Broken Stone property at the intersection of Routes 20 and 128 at the Eastern edge of town. Early in 1998, the Arthur D. Little Company of Cambridge joined with AMA Funding Corporation with plans for joint development of a world headquarters facility for ADL on the site. In general, the town preferred a single-tenant development rather than a multi-tenant office park or other use of the property. The ADL proposal received conditional support of the Planning Board, and was under extensive review by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

On a separate track, the Town of Weston, AMA Funding, and Mass. Broken Stone have been involved in longtime litigation in regard to the development of this property. In May of 1998 the cases were heard by the Court of Appeals, which issued its decision on November 16th. Rulings were split, with the town and the developers prevailing on different counts. Both sides appealed at year's end to the Supreme Judicial Court, which resulted in the Zoning Board of Appeals being unable to issue their decisions on the ADL application until the

litigation is settled. At this point Arthur D. Little Company is evaluating their situation to determine whether or not to continue pursuit of their plan.

MWRA Construction Projects

The long-term construction projects involving the Metro-West Water Supply Tunnel and water storage tanks at Loring Road and Norumbega Reservoir continue to require the attention of the Board of Selectmen. In general, these projects have proceeded smoothly, and the town has enjoyed a smooth working relationship with representatives from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. The Town-wide Working Group has spent countless hours in meetings and research protecting the interests of Weston and its citizens, and their efforts have been invaluable to the Board.

Matters which have come before the Board for action have involved blasting levels and procedures, construction traffic patterns, and hours when work may be done at sites abutting residential areas. The Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Fire Chief have also been regularly involved in minimizing the impact of these massive MWRA projects upon the townspeople.

Town Employees

During the past year the Board of Selectmen entered into collective bargaining agreements with unions representing the Weston library staff, police personnel, and school teaching staff. The Weston Library Staff Association, MLSA, MFT, AFT, AFL-CIO agreed to a one-year contract, while Local 419, International Brotherhood of Police Officers signed a three year contract retroactive to July 1, 1997. The Weston Superior Officers' Union, AFSCME, AFL-CIO agreed to a two-year contract; both police agreements will be in effect until June 30, 2000. Two school unions also agreed to three year contracts through 2001.

Karl R. Lahanas resigned from his position as Town Accountant, and the Board of Selectmen was most pleased to welcome Patricia E. Fay to this post. Ms. Fay comes to Weston with strong professional credentials having served most recently as Town Accountant in Lexington.

Stormwater Management

One of many ongoing issues facing the Board of Selectmen has been an increase in water drainage problems in various parts of the town. These run-off problems are the result of many factors: increased development, changing water tables, and inadequate stormwater management during original roadway construction. The Board has authorized DPW Director of Operations Richard Nota to expend up to \$59,000 on a drainage improvement study by MetroWest Engineering, Incorporated, which will focus on the seven locations which Mr. Nota has identified, considering health and safety factors, as the most critical. These are: Drabbington Way; Church Street (Webster Road area); Winter Street (between Brown Street and MA Turnpike); North Avenue (at Viles Street

intersection); Bogle Street (between Sherburn Circle and Wellesley Street); Bogle Street (South of Winter Street intersection); and Woodchester Drive (at Wellesley Street intersection). This study will provide us with specific courses of action to correct these problem areas, and the cost of each project. It will then be up to the voters to decide whether or not to support this spending on such projects.

Traffic and Safety

For many, 1998 will be remembered as the year of Case's Corner! The Board of Selectmen established a Traffic Advisory Committee, chaired by Lee Engler, in response to numerous citizen concerns over increasing traffic pressures throughout town. The committee surveyed residents and prioritized several "hot spots" for attention. The Case's Corner intersection of Wellesley, School and Newton Streets was redesigned to improve safety. After a turbulent trial period, and modifications developed by the committee and DPW personnel, (including traffic duty by police officers during peak periods), the new design was made semi-permanent with the installation of a macadam island and curbing. A permanent, landscaped installation is to be designed and built in the Spring of 1999. This committee is now focusing on Weston Center traffic flows, the Highland Street/Boston Post Road intersection, and Lexington Street, among others.

Mass. Highway Department notified the town of plans to replace the Merriam Street bridge over the Fitchburg MBTA Commuter rail line. MHD proposed a significantly enlarged and redesigned span, which would have altered the road layout and sight-lines. After a public hearing where residents voiced strong objections, MHD withdrew its initial proposal and indicated that the proposal would be scaled back and redesigned.

Renovations to Town Hall and Old Library

The badly needed rehabilitation of the Weston Town Hall, and conversion of the old library building to house town government offices continues on schedule. The Board appointed a building committee to oversee these closely-related projects, and the committee undertook the task of screening architectural firms, and recommending to the Board the hiring of a firm to design these reconstruction projects. The Board is optimistic that plans and cost figures will be ready for the 1999 Town Meeting.

Community Center

The Board has also monitored the development of plans for the Community Center, under the auspices of the Recreation Commission and Council on Aging. The cooperation of these boards, together with a dedicated and capable building committee, are expected to lead to an outstanding Community Center project ready for voter action at the Special Town Meeting in January 1999.

The selectmen hired SEA Consultants to undertake a study and recommend options related to sewage treatment facilities not only for the Community Center,

but also for the long-term needs of the entire elementary school complex and school administrative offices. The Board is hopeful that this comprehensive evaluation will provide long-term cost savings to the town.

Community Service

Weston Town Government is the result of the true dedication of the people who live and work here. The Board of Selectmen salutes the many fine town employees in every department who do their jobs with outstanding professionalism. We also salute the hundreds of Weston citizens who assist in the running of the town by volunteering to serve on town committees, boards, and commissions, who contribute to our community through their membership in a host of civic organizations, and who volunteer their time in our senior programs and our schools. Weston is truly blessed by the high caliber of energy, expertise and wisdom provided by our volunteers. Each year the town relies upon our citizen volunteers, and we encourage you to consider joining in this civic tradition of Weston.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Births, marriages and deaths recorded in the Town Clerk's Office of the Town of Weston for the year 1998:

Number of births in 1998:	118
Number of marriages in 1998:	52
Number of deaths:	137
<i>Weston Residents</i>	110
<i>Non-Residents</i>	27

Population of the Town of Weston (1998 census): 11,103

The following detailed report of births, marriages and deaths recorded during 1998 is printed for the purpose of bringing to the attention of interested persons the facts which appear on the official records of the Town Clerk. Please check the names and other data, and notify the Town Clerk's Office of any errors.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN WESTON IN 1997

(not included in previous Town Report)

December

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| 31 | Peters, Eliza Jane | Charles James, Jr. and Karen M.
Holland Peters |
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BIRTHS RECORDED IN WESTON IN 1998

January

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| 4 | Gill, Jonathan Guy | Guy James and Daphne
Irlender Gill |
| 5 | Tilles, Ryan Walter | Steven Bruce and Megan M.
Leahy Tilles |
| 9 | Gorski, Rose Isabella Sussman | William Francis and Michele
Sussman Gorski |
| 13 | Benson, David Koehn | Thomas William and Alice
Koehn Benson |
| 16 | Enzmann, Erik Aesir Harald
Foley | Robert Pendragon and Patricia
J. Foley Enzmann |
| 20 | Debenedictis, Mark Eric | Angelo and Erica G. Johanson
Debendictis |
| 26 | Swift, Guy Frederick | Robert Jonathan and Nicola J.
Harvey Swift |

26	Lorenze , Paige Elizabeth	Mark David and Nancy Phillips Lorenze
30	Heilbronner , Alison Kate	Warren Matthew and Joan L. Yanofsky Heilbronner

February

3	Milligan , Meghan Anne	Michael Drake and Alicia Murphy Milligan
3	Stamas , Christiana Hope	Christopher Harry and Penelope Sakellarios Stamas
3	Kaputsos , Ariana Cara	Peter Paul and Tamara Ellis Kaputsos
5	Keane , John Francis, V	John Francis, IV and Anne- Marie Weldon Keane
7	Liu , Damian Robert Ruimin	Leo Xingwen Liu and Pendred E. Noyce
8	Wedge , Michelle Elizabeth	Michael Carlton and Kimberly Ridder Wedge
12	Russell , Olivia Shea	Richard Miles and Susan C. Larson Russell
14	Bernstein , Sarah Catherine	Joel Arthur Bernstein and Barbara J. Kelly
14	Rosiello , Arthur James Wessler	Arthur Peter Rosiello and Leslie Ann Wessler
16	Grela , Erin Elizabeth	Peter Michael and Linda A. Glasheen Grela
18	Doyle , Colin Neal	Daniel Kearane, Jr. and Kathryn Neal Doyle
23	Clayson , George Oliver	Davis Barr, Jr. and Jennifer S. Sargent Clayson
25	Ward , Jr., Mark Burke	Mark Burke, Sr. and Patricia A. Curtin Ward
26	Packs , Christopher Bishop	John Nicholas and Marion Bartle Packs

March

3	Larocque , Cameron Philip	Stephen J. and Kelly A. Thompson Larocque
4	Solomons , Jacob Matthew	Antony Howard and Rachel Lushan Solomons

8	Critchlow , Austin Dubos	Jonathan Francis and Barbara Dubos Critchlow
9	Bruneau , James Michael	Stephen Louis and Janice M. Christiani Bruneau
11	Efron , Justin Gregory	Bruce Edward and Laura S. Birnbaum Efron
20	Deodato , Stacey Marie	Antonio Gerard and Linda A. Vynorius Deodato
21	McMann , Marie Stanton	Paul John and Eileen R. McDonough McMann
26	Crunkleton , Rachael Sarah	James Alan and Bedana L. Sabin Crunkleton
26	Stock , Winston Eliot	Douglas Brian and Helen M. Higley Stock
29	Hettinger , Laurel Caroline	Peter Duncan and Michelle L. Finnerty Hettinger
31	Bowman , Alison Dale	Brian Lee and Barbara A. Mitchell Bowman

April

3	Boyle , Jackson Thomas	Marc David and Sheila D'Arcy Boyle
10	McLoughlin , Mary Lee	James Edward and Donna P. Lee McLoughlin
10	Goode , Timothy George, Jr.	Timothy George and Kathleen P. Noone Goode
13	Townsend , William Thomas, V	William Thomas, IV and Julianne Barrett Townsend
13	Harris , Simon Pierre	Ethan Gabriel Harris and Louise Dube
15	Ewanouski, Jr. , Robert Gerard	Robert Gerard, Sr. and Lisa C. Simeone Ewanouski
16	Santangelo , Elli Elisabeth	Daniel Orazio and Christina M. Lavallee Santangelo
16	Daly , Thomas O'Brien	Brien Patrick Daly and Kathleen M. Lemaitre
16	MacNamara , Lily Antoinette	William Kurt and Kimberly Gorton MacNamara
26	Peters , Chloe Alexandra	Cameron Gregory and Hannah Toffey Peters
27	Enfield , Rachael Elizabeth	Richard Scott Enfield and Lisa F. Green

May

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| 6 | D'Alessandro , Robert Matthew | David Francis and Jeannette Akers D'Alessandro |
| 10 | Schott , Alexandra Melanie
Bingman | Jean-Pierre and Sarah E. Bingman Schott |
| 15 | Lewtan , Devin Jayne | Stuart Frederick and Lisa Fink Lewtan |
| 17 | McCabe , Maggie Mae | Michael Russell and Polly E. Place McCabe |
| 17 | Langbert , Adam Harris | James Michael and Lauren Finley Langbert |
| 26 | Woodworth , Emily Cross | Charles Kennard and Heather Cross Woodworth |
| 28 | Cassum , Zane Robert | Riaz Ahmed and Cecily Loneragan Cassum |
| 29 | Musumeci , Ryan Alfred | Ross John and Kerie A. Martell Musumeci |

June

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| 5 | McGinty , Brendan Delacy | Kevin Michael and Susan Roche McGinty |
| 6 | Batchelder , William Richard | Richard David, Jr. and Margaret Fazzano Batchelder |
| 7 | Greenberg , William Emil | James Adam and Julie Michel Greenberg |
| 8 | Rice , Taylor Rebecca | George Lawrence, Jr. and Jennifer Carr Rice |
| 10 | Miller , Elizabeth Grace | Steven Gary and Christi Senff Miller |
| 11 | Conway , Caroline Victoria | Timothy John and Kathryn McCann Conway |
| 15 | Barenholtz , Danielle Hope | Brett Hunter and Eugena A. Salaman Barenholtz |
| 15 | Vocatura , Louis Angelo | Peter Paul and Suzanne B. Lusardi Vocatura |
| 18 | Kollaard , Nicholas Peter | Hans P. & Susan M. Scarpato Kollaard |
| 19 | Lee , Jeffrey Simon | Michael Alan and Laurie Endlar Lee |
| 19 | Alden , Thomas Gambrill | David Douglas and Rebecca Gambrill Alden |
| 20 | Spaulding , Olivia Maynard | Lincoln Brooks and Carolyn L. Thomas Spaulding |

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| 28 | Brown , Stephanie Elizabeth Goldsmith | Michael Geoffrey Brown and Elizabeth Goldsmith |
| 28 | Madden , Natalie Lain | Stephen Franklin and Annette Vautrain Madden |

July

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| 7 | Feuer , Emily May | Anthony Ian and Trui C. Van De Bourry Feuer |
| 9 | Schoen , Natalie Anne | Scott Alan and Laurie Gachelin Schoen |
| 14 | Haines , William Ajay | James Barr and Lalita Jayasankar Haines |
| 20 | Donahue , Caroline Anne | Paul Joseph, Jr. and Anne Love Donahue |
| 22 | Lachenauer , Elena Catherine | Robert Gerald and Catherine Sikorovsky Lachenauer |
| 27 | Alcantar , Joshua Lee | Aaron Lee Alcantar and Angela D. Warnke |
| 28 | Devlin , Mary Catherine | Phillip Martin and Barbara J. Brown Devlin |
| 31 | Schlager , Allison Paige | Eric Dean and Beth Cherashore Schlager |
| 31 | McCabe , James Robert, Jr. | James Robert and Joan Giblin McCabe |

August

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| 4 | Basu , Genevieve Angelica | Shantanu G. Basu and Margaret E. Karg |
| 7 | Whorf , Mae Julia | John Michael and Bonnie E. Jones Whorf |
| 10 | Zahedi , Darius | Kamran and Shirins Nasserii Zahedi |
| 13 | Hamm , George Coleman | Frank Coleman Hamm and Dana L. Vickey |
| 16 | Bass , Simon | Ilya and Alla Golub Bass |
| 24 | Carrigan , Hannah Cabot | Christopher John Carrigan and Laura Cabot-Carrigan |
| 25 | Kakridas , John Peter | Peter John and Susan L. Nordstrand Kakridas |
| 25 | Alesse , Gabriel David | John William and Helen C. Joy Alesse |
| 28 | Reitano , Jeffrey Robert | Robert Richard and Lisa Venning Reitano |

September

3	Ziobro , Christina Louise	Peter William and Virginia Van Vranken Ziobro
3	McGeough , Kelsey Stening	John Peter, Jr. and Denise Doiron McGeough
10	Binney , William James	Geoffrey Gage and Elizabeth Harding Binney
16	Korbin , Michael Aaron	Craig Daniel and Carolyn M. Sneider Korbin
16	Ott , Sarah Catherine	David Harry and Karin Bergstrom Ott
19	Campo , Jonathan Thomas	Charles Michael, Jr. and Jennifer Bascetta Campo
24	Daley , John Edmondson	George Quentin Daley and Amy C. Edmondson
26	Nardone , Michael Lino	Keith Robert and LeeAnne M. Guerin Nardone

October

7	Conley , Colby Niner	Kevin Edward and Regina Niner Conley
16	Braunstein , Spencer Jared	Andrew Scott and Jennifer Eile Braunstein
19	Rice , Henry Mitchell	Jeffrey Middleton and Piper L. Ballsieper Rice
20	Huckins , Madeleine Rose Girard	David Storr Huckins and Denise M. Girard-Huckins
22	Tulloss , Camille Virginia	Rees Frederick and Jennifer Jorgensen Tulloss
22	Hanna , Raphael Rezk	Rafek Rezk Hanna and Sally S. Sidhom
22	Curtis , John Alan	Alan Steven and Julie Swengros Curtis
27	Kettle , Andrew Joseph	Franklin Henry and Colleen Beaudin Kettle

November

2	Nevitt , Grace Andrea	Andrew Muccini and Julie Muccini Nevitt
3	Mullen , Ashley Elizabeth	Eugene Martin, Jr. and Laurel A. Alessio Mullen
3	Sidhom , Seraphima Samir	Sameh Samir Sidhom and Neveen Z. Mina Sidhom

8	Lateef , Kamran Mansoor UL	Mohammed Sajid and Nikhat Amina Lateef
12	Pyon , Grace Dahye	Kunsik and Heekyung Shin Pyon
18	Lebovitz , Julia Grace	Stephen David and Lisa S. Goldstein Lebovitz
22	Dahl , Douglas Alexander	Douglas Middleton and Susan E. Gray Dahl
22	Pohl , Elizabeth Sarah	Charles Gaynor and Jessica Lydon Pohl
24	Cody , Katherine Hope Procter	Jonathan Peter and Heather Fremont-Smith Cody
27	Burkus , Kylie Armstong	Gregory James and Sheila M. Marrinan Burkus
29	Agre , Aleka	John Robert and Mary Ann Savadelis Agre

December

5	Kenyon , Caroline Laughlin	Troy Edward and Madelaine McCrady Kenyon
8	Fligor , Carolyn Avis	Andrew Thomas and Leslye L. Price Fligor
9	Huleileh , Yasmeen	Samir Othman and Sawsan B. Dweik Huleileh
11	Cate , Sophie Melikian	Earl Melville Cate and Joanne Melikian-Cate
15	Awbrey , Julia Rose	Brian John and Diana Ciasullo Awbrey
17	Rowe , Peter Schumann	Kevin Peter and Kathryn Schumann Rowe

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN WESTON IN 1998

January

- 1 Nathaniel G. **Lambert** and Katrina **Sudikoff** both of Alpharetta, GA
 17 Ronald James **Bell** and Sue Anne **Trippany** both of Auburndale, MA

February

- 4 Ronald E. **Hirschberg** and Sandra Lee **Tanen** both of Weston
 7 Robert Ferguson **Thompson** and Sharon Lee **O'Laughlin** both of Weston

- 7 Robert Alan **First** of Concord, MA and Susan Abatsis **Bethke** of
Harvard, MA

April

- 1 Kenneth Joseph **Gritter** and Beverly Kay **Fletcher** both of Clinton, MA
4 Robert S. **Autor** and Shelly Hope **Ferman** both of Weston
6 Teru Harry **Hayashi** of Ewing, NJ and Christina Margaret **Frost** of
Manassas, VA

May

- 2 Marc Hamilton **Ohler** of Brookline, MA and Susan Fonda
Delduchetto of Weston
9 Arthur Randall **Appleyard** and Sheryl Elise **Cuker** both of New York,
NY
16 Tomofumi **Nakanishi** and Yumi **Iwasa** both of New York, NY
23 Robert Michael **Rosenberg** of Weston and Victoria Lynn **DiStefano** of
Wayland, MA
23 J. Peter **Fasse** of Cambridge, MA and Elizabeth **Daher** of Weston
24 Stuart M. **Beard** and Carla Ann **Romney** both of Ashland, MA

June

- 13 Edward Gregory **Soltesz** and Deirdre Marie **O'Brien** both of Weston
18 Roberval De **Oliveira** and Elizabeth Porter **Chace** both of Weston
20 Henry Sawyer **Stone**, Jr. And Nina **Danforth** both of Weston
20 Seth Parkinson **Howe** of Wayland, MA and Linda Marie **Merullo** of
Natick, MA
20 Robert Michael **Vernaglia**, Jr. Of Boston, MA and Jeanne Stanley
Edwards of Weston
27 Robert Howard **Kattef** and Linda Ware **Wilcox** both of Weston
27 Derek Allyn **Morton** and Lisa Marie **Saccoccio** both of Attleboro, MA
27 Michael Leonidas **Dertouzos** and Catherine Whittemore **Liddell** both
of Weston
27 Martin L. **Feldman** and Ellen M. **Berkowitz** both of Weston
27 Paul Gerard **Kennedy** and Julie Ann **Casey** both of Boston, MA

July

- 4 Leston Bela **Nay**, III and Linda Marie **Lofaro** both of Weston
6 Ramesh K. **Motwane** and Inderjit Kaur **Kochhar** both of Weston
12 Jonathan P. **Eagle** and Linda Ann **Kobierski** both of Weston
25 David Bruce **Allen**, Jr. and Stacie Ann **Tremonte** both of Framingham,
MA

August

- 2 Stephen H. **Mosher** and Christine Lynn **Fowler** both of Weston
- 6 Willem **Jansen** and Alexandra Logan **Wilson** both of Weston
- 8 John Joseph **Richards** of Hudson, MA and Julie Beth **Breen** of Weston
- 8 William Worthington **Bain**, Jr. and Ann Patricia **Dean** both of Boston, MA
- 15 Troy Neil **Ruhanen** and Donna Elizabeth **Kelly** both of Singapore
- 15 Mark Andrew **Lyons** and Charissa Gail **Westerlund** both of Lexington, MA
- 15 Gregory B. **Hardy** of Marlborough, MA and Kimera Sue **High** of Weston
- 21 Thaddeus Hallock **Davis** of Boston, MA and Juliana Maria von **Rumohr** of Weston
- 22 John Joseph **Covelli** of Weston and Paula Jane **Toland** of Pembroke, MA
- 26 Vincent **Natilli** and Elena V. **Vyunskovskaya** both of Weston
- 29 Gerald Martin **Walsh** and Laura Fenner **Woodward** both of Brighton, MA

September

- 5 David Joseph **Sheedy** of Quincy, MA and Teresa Louise **Godleski** of Weston
- 12 Crawford Brown **Murton**, IV and Alicia Ann **Niedringhaus** both of Chicago, IL
- 12 Daniel G. **Tilton** and Alayne Kristan **Federico** both of Weston
- 19 James Paul **Steedle** and Katarine Alenka **Krek** both of Weston
- 26 James Bradley **Breitmeyer** and Mary Holgerson **Triemer** both of Weston
- 26 Charles Patrick **Neill** and Victoria Jane **Jones** both of Weston

October

- 10 Yu-Ming **Wang** and Rebecca Yunt-Chon **Kao** both of Scarsdale, NY
- 10 Joseph Matthew **Lydon** and Rosemary MacLeod **Donovan** both of Irvington, NY
- 10 Paul Stephen **Brickman** and Patricia L. **Arman** both of Weston
- 11 Derek Leigh **Twombly** and Amy Carla **Ostrander** both of Natick, MA
- 17 Douglas B. **Mosher** and Heidi Ellen **Norton** both of Chelmsford, MA
- 17 Joel Neal **Maslow** and Elizabeth Ann **Carlin** both of Weston

December

- 17 Wai Kong **Li** and Maggie Man Kei **Chan** both of Weston

DEATHS RECORDED IN WESTON IN 1998

Date	Name	Place of Birth	Age
January			
4	Pauline Palais	Connecticut	94
4	Clara Morrison Backer	Georgia	84
7	Vincent P. Kelliher	Massachusetts	75
7	Beatrice Stillman	New York	95
19	Yon Pun Kim	Korea	86
12	Margaret Raeburn Dolberg	Connecticut	75
15	Mary E. Hearn	Massachusetts	79
22	Howard Wilkoff	Pennsylvania	89
24	Mary Butler Gambrill	Massachusetts	90
24	Beatrice Brooks Karofsky	Massachusetts	85
26	Mildred W. Eibye	Massachusetts	81
31	Amy Gershon	New York	82
31	Joseph Lawrence Ryan	Massachusetts	77
February			
3	Edgar J. LeBlanc	Massachusetts	93
4	Margaret Cregg	Massachusetts	80
5	Paul J. Micali	Massachusetts	75
5	Joseph Clayton Cort, Jr.	Iowa	80
6	Richard Charles Gully	Massachusetts	60
7	Priscilla Marion Johnson	Vermont	87
7	Anthony A. Somers	West Indies	67
9	Ernest J. LeBlanc	Massachusetts	90
10	Iole DaMocogno	Italy	84
13	George V. McCabe	Massachusetts	82
19	James William Ring	Connecticut	86
20	Ida Anthony	Russia	102
27	Lois L. Hyde	Pennsylvania	81
March			
2	Mary Curnen	Illinois	85
2	Emma Lever	Canada	92
2	Henry W. Poirier	Massachusetts	79
3	Fay I. Schuch	Michigan	78
7	Barbara Freeman Biddle	Massachusetts	95
10	Francis J. Gilday	Massachusetts	89
12	William B. Morley	New Jersey	90

16	Mark Lothrop Griffin	Massachusetts	41
18	Duetta Mae Blue	Michigan	99
22	Rene Lambrette	Belgium	89
23	John J. Tucker	Massachusetts	73
25	Frieda Beitchman	New York	95
28	Maria Pelullo	Italy	97
28	Michael G. Pierce	Massachusetts	86
29	Mary H. Melanson	Canada	90
30	Sarah Karol Saltzman	Massachusetts	98
30	Gladys E. McCarthy	Massachusetts	97

April

1	Margit Lorand	Hungary	101
2	Hector Joseph Osmond	Puerto Rico	83
8	Lynda Elizabeth Jenkins	Massachusetts	51
11	Lawrence Francis Pfaff	New York	80
12	Eli N. Rostler	Massachusetts	94
14	Sonja Spigelman	Poland	87
16	Charlotte Josephine Nichols	Massachusetts	96
18	Adam Anthony Grossi	New Jersey	70
23	Richard William Albrecht	New York	82
27	Constantine C. Dadiskos	Connecticut	74

May

1	Todd Oulette Munson	Connecticut	89
5	Francis J. Osborne	Massachusetts	94
9	Melita Seipp Howland	Illinois	78
19	Yon Pun Kim	Korea	86
19	Rosalind Joffe	Russia	94
19	Sarah Casey	Vermont	67
26	Wilbur Wesley Lauer	Pennsylvania	81
26	Phyllis L. Brassard	Massachusetts	70

June

1	Wendell Berman	Massachusetts	88
2	Wilfred Goodridge	Massachusetts	91
3	Lydia A. Palladino	Massachusetts	98
9	Mary D'Amico	Massachusetts	97
12	Robert A. Juliano	Massachusetts	81
12	Constance A. Ackles	Massachusetts	75
19	Elise Picard	Canada	90

21	Cele Godfrey	Massachusetts	84
22	Vivian D. White	Tennessee	85
25	Elliot Jordan Englander	Massachusetts	66
27	Joseph J. Connor	Massachusetts	86
27	Fredric Scott Perry	Argentina	77
28	Dorothy F. Fitzpatrick	New Hampshire	84
28	Charles Averill	Massachusetts	84
30	John H. Prescott	California	63

July

8	Alice C. Carey	Massachusetts	98
10	Louise M. Falone	Massachusetts	91
11	Marjorie A. Manning	Massachusetts	86
13	Joseph A. MacDonald	Massachusetts	66
13	Lucy Mae McKellip	Vermont	93
23	Artemia Todesca	Italy	97
23	William J. Duffy	Massachusetts	96
29	Leopold J. Rossbach	Belgium	71

August

2	Kam Yee Kwan	China	69
3	Jeffrey Ridgeway Belvin	Massachusetts	34
5	Doris B. Fawcett	Massachusetts	89
10	Sarah E. Prahler	Maine	91
14	Joseph Bernard Everett	Pennsylvania	90
28	Dorothy I. Thompson	Massachusetts	89
31	Clara Alonso Portuondo	Spain	81

September

3	Berlin N. Phinney, Jr.	Maine	67
3	Harold M. Stauffer	Pennsylvania	87
10	Alice Minerva Bomengen	Massachusetts	92
11	Evelyn Whittemore	Massachusetts	86
12	Jane Forbes Choras	Virginia	67
13	Edward J. Harding	Massachusetts	86
19	Rita C. Ferson	Massachusetts	72
23	Eugene Howard Clapp II	Massachusetts	85
25	Josephine L. Foisy	Massachusetts	92
28	Laurel Rans	Iowa	58
29	Francis Anthony Mooney	Massachusetts	52

October

7	Carter Pierce Pfaelzer	Massachusetts	65
12	Frederic Cole Talbot	Maine	78
16	Cerna Johnson	Illinois	90
16	Andrew Bark	Washington	78
26	Agnes H. Mower	Massachusetts	98
26	Adly Abadir Felous	Egypt	84
27	Robert N. Sproule	Massachusetts	67
30	Gordon Thayer Heald	Massachusetts	62
31	Mary T. King	Massachusetts	82
31	John I. Sandson	Pennsylvania	71

November

1	Jennie Calabro	Massachusetts	93
2	Irving A. Sisson	Massachusetts	83
4	Ruth Elizabeth Dippolito	Pennsylvania	84
5	Margaret R. Rochinsky	Massachusetts	74
6	Catherine Mildred Cole	Massachusetts	99
15	Edith Willis Harris	Massachusetts	60
18	Albanie J. Bourgeois	Canada	92
18	Joan D. Hatton	Michigan	70
20	Kathleen Doris Condon	Massachusetts	86
23	Jesse G. Willis	Massachusetts	84
23	Robert Louis Dussault	Massachusetts	44
24	Robert Swartz	Massachusetts	57

December

1	Susan Jennifer Haas	New York	29
2	Lodovico L. Ridolfi	Italy	103
4	Leonora Henriette Dora Sternweiler	Germany	92
8	Arthur E. Johnson	Massachusetts	83
16	Margaret A. O'Brien	Massachusetts	101
17	Dorothy Louise Payne Clift	Massachusetts	82
17	Ruth Any Bierman	Pennsylvania	79
17	Eve B. Lewis	Massachusetts	83
18	George A. Kovar	Pennsylvania	78
18	John Harold Flannery	Pennsylvania	65
19	Marguerite Clare Dowd	Massachusetts	95
25	Carl Gustaf Bergstedt	Illinois	89
30	Ferdinand Pedé	Poland	88

LICENSE REPORT - DOGS

130	Male/Female	@	\$ 11.00	\$ 1,430.00
730	Spayed Females/Neutered Males	@	7.00	5,110.00
1	Kennel License	@	50.00	50.00
1	Kennel License	@	75.00	<u>75.00</u>
			\$	<u><u>6,665.00</u></u>

LICENSE REPORT - FISH AND GAME

67	Resident Fishing	@	\$ 22.50	\$ 1,507.50
2	Resident Fishing - Minor	@	6.50	13.00
1	Resident Fishing - 65-69	@	11.25	11.25
14	Resident Fishing - 70 & over		FREE	
2	Non-Resident Fishing	@	32.50	65.00
1	Duplicate Fishing	@	2.00	2.00
21	Resident Citizen Hunting	@	22.50	472.50
1	Resident Hunting - 65-69	@	11.25	11.25
1	Duplicate Fishing	@	2.00	2.00
14	Resident Sporting	@	40.00	560.00
23	Resident Sporting over 70		FREE	
8	Archery Stamps	@	5.10	40.80
20	MA Waterfowl Stamps	@	5.00	100.00
7	Primitive Firearms Stamps	@	5.10	35.70
	Wildfire Conservation Stamps			
106	Resident	@	5.00	530.00
2	Non Resident	@	5.00	<u>10.00</u>
			\$	3,361.00

Less: Fees Deducted

108	Licenses	@	0.50	(54.00)
8	Archery Stamp Fees	@	0.10	(0.80)
20	Duck Stamp Fees	@	0.25	(5.00)
7	Primitive Firearms Stamp	@	0.10	<u>(0.70)</u>
			\$	(60.50)

Paid to the Division of Fisheries & Game		\$	<u><u>3,300.50</u></u>
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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging (COA) works in cooperation with a multitude of town departments, state and regional agencies, private organizations, and individuals in order to serve the needs of Weston residents who are 60 and over. During 1998, this cooperation has blossomed into plans for a new Community Center which will house the Recreation Department and the COA in a multigenerational facility, with offices and program space for both town departments. The building, to be built on the site of the old Case Barn near the center of town, will have a ground-floor Senior Center with Recreation facilities on the upper two floors, although we anticipate extensive sharing of classrooms and other program space. A Community Center Building Committee, chaired by Steve Larocque, includes COA members Charles Dolberg and Katherine Strehle, along with two Recreation Commissioners and other citizens.

Cooperation has also given Weston a new mini-bus, through the successful efforts of the Friends of the Council on Aging. They raised \$50,000 in contributions from groups and individuals, and purchased a new 25-seat bus, the FriendShip, in the spring as a gift to the Town and the COA. We are most grateful to the Friends for this and other funds they contribute to the COA and to Weston seniors.



The new FriendShip, a gift of the Friends of the Council on Aging

Many COA programs exist through cooperative efforts. The Weston Community Children's Association (WCCA) sponsors multi-generational get-togethers with seniors and young children. Norumbega Point has made its swimming pool available for senior water exercise classes. "A Matter of Balance," a program series provided by Newton-Wellesley Hospital in the Forbes Room, provides skills and information to help seniors stay active and reduce fear of falling. Our food pantry has been enhanced by fresh foods delivered weekly by Land's Sake during the growing season. And of course, our office and program space in Brook School Apartments has been made available to us over the years by the Elderly Housing Committee.

The information, referral, and counseling services provided by the COA continue to be sought by Weston residents, both seniors and those somewhat younger with concerns about older relatives. We hope to increase awareness of these services through increased visibility as the Community Center is planned, built, and occupied. Transportation also continues to be a major effort, with rides provided by FISH, the Veteran's Taxi voucher system, and the new FriendShip. The loan closet now includes furniture that can be borrowed for visiting grandchildren as well as the usual walkers, commodes, bath benches, wheelchairs, etc.

The Council thanks retiring member Fr. Patrick A. Sullivan, S.J., as well as Dr. Thomas Perls and Patricia Jensen, who have resigned, for their wisdom and work for Weston seniors. We welcome new members Vivienne Kalman, Linda McDowall, and Mercedes Primer.

The COA is most grateful for the cooperation of so many groups and organizations in providing services to Weston seniors. A special note of thanks goes to the 241 individual volunteers who provided programs, answered telephones, delivered hot meals, and did so many other appreciated and necessary tasks during the past year. Their cooperation and contributions are essential to COA efforts to maintain a high level of service to the senior population of Weston.

REPORT OF THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members of the Alcohol and Drug Education Advisory Committee (WADEAC) represent organizations and professionals in the community including senior citizens, the clergy, health care providers, educators, parents, and the Weston Business Organization. The Committee met four times during the year to assess the substance abuse educational needs of the community, to generate ideas for programming and resource materials, and to explore sources of additional funding to support programs in the community and public schools.

WADEAC partially funded Project Safeguard, a family-based prevention education program for 6th grade students and their parents, which is designed to address substance abuse and health related issues that impact quality of life. Emphasis is placed on prevention, developing self-esteem, and improving communication skills. Participation was calculated at 97% of the 6th grade class with at least one parent present.

Remaining funds were allocated to summer workshop curriculum development and educational materials for a new 9th grade health and personal development course. WADEAC continues to support program development based on the results of the Massachusetts Youth Risk Behavior Survey that was administered at the high School in October, 1997.

REPORT OF THE CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In early January 1998, after extensive negotiations by the Cable Advisory Committee on the Town's behalf, the Town entered into a new cable license with MediaOne. Following the execution of the renewal license, the Cable Advisory Committee monitored the implementation of the license.

The renewal license provides, among other things, for a ten-year non-exclusive license to MediaOne, an \$80,000 equipment package for the high school and the Town's cable television studio, Internet access to the public schools in the Town for the term of the license and the construction of a new INET, at the Town's option, using hybrid-fiber-coaxial technology, among public school and municipal buildings. The equipment package and Internet access are at no cost to the Town. The Town will be required to pay for the new INET, if it is constructed, but will be able to pass up to 20% of the cost on to cable subscribers. At the present time, the Town's existing INET is meeting the Town's needs, and the decision to construct a new INET has been deferred until such time as the need for it develops.

The Cable Advisory Committee also monitored modifications to MediaOne's services and pricing and discussed the possibility of MediaOne's providing electronic mail to municipal employees of the Town.

REPORT OF THE COMPUTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

During 1998 the expansion and refinement of information technology in Town and School administration continued. In addition to ongoing technology upgrades, administration and maintenance, efforts were focused in the following areas.

A major priority was planning for the Year 2000. The Manager of Information Systems spent a great deal of time identifying the technology areas that may encounter problems in handling dates beyond December 31, 1999. Once these areas were identified, plans were developed to ensure that all hardware and software is in compliance by the end of the year. The major tasks yet to be performed during 1999 include the implementation of a new server and operating system in the general government area, and the upgrade of certain software programs.

The Institutional Loop (the network that provides communications among computer users throughout the Town and Schools) remained relatively stable throughout the year. This enabled the addition of four more buildings to the network: the Fire Department; the Parks and Cemetery office; the Highway Department office, and the Public Works Director's office. There are now twelve buildings connected to the network.

The implementation of internet e-mail was begun during 1998, and will continue for all users through 1999. Planning for the addition of access to the worldwide web was also started during the year. The need for web access is increasing to the point that it will soon become a requirement for some departments. The identification of appropriate web users and the development of necessary web access policies will continue into 1999.

With the connection of the internal network to the internet, the continued addition of new users, and expanded network usage by both employees and students, information security became a serious issue during 1998. The opportunity for unauthorized access to Town and School data has increased dramatically. Recognizing the need to address these issues, the Manager of Information Systems began investigating and planning for the implementation of increased security measures during 1998. Data security will be a major priority during 1999 and beyond.

In November, the Computer Advisory Committee presented its final report to the Selectmen. The Committee was formed in the early 1980's to implement the Town's first computer applications and had not changed in scope or authority since then. As a result of the huge expansion and diversity of both computer

users and usage, the need for a committee with broader scope and authority became clear. The establishment of a new technology committee that will take on the challenges of the year 2000 and beyond is a major priority for 1999.

REPORT OF THE ELDERLY HOUSING COMMITTEE

This year has been both sad and swell,
As we've had shifts of personnel.
They hurt for sure, our progress slowed,
Though never did our faith erode.

The Brook School Apartment manager left;
Our tenants coped, though were bereft.
Replacement searches time do take,
But Vivienne came, a bridge to make.

We had to search both far and near;
Then it clicked, our choice was clear.
Connie Davis, from right here,
Put us back in forward gear.

Then we all had to endure
Mary Perriello's departure.
Our Chair she'd been for this decade;
What wondrous changes that she made.

Mary brought our housing committee
Professionalism for all to see.
The very first task that she decreed
Was to define our capital need.

While her inspiration was really great,
She perspired through the next ninety eight
Percentage points of effort spent.
She showed us how to implement.

She next did change the way disjointed
That committee members are appointed.
Instead of waiting for volunteers,
She sought out folks with fit careers.

The expertise she gathered gently
Then worked together, complementary -
Each of us brings to the table
Different ways in which we're able.

She pressed us to craft a budget.
Though difficult, she'd ne'er begrudge it.
Our finances black, where they belong;
She built us up, she left us strong.

So once again, we had to find
Someone strong in word and mind;
Someone who could fill her shoes
While singing roses, not the blues.

The choice was clear, there'd be no mess;
Up stepped our new Chair, William Cress.
His manner's mild; his judgment's clear.
He's leading us to future dear.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

On December 31, 1998, there were 7,128 active registered voters in the Town of Weston. There were 518 new registrations during the year, while some 424 individuals were dropped from the list due to death or to moving out of the Town. At the end of 1998 approximately 493 voters were listed as inactive.

As a result of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, which has been effective since January 1, 1995, and related state legislation, it is now possible to register to vote at the Department of Motor Vehicles and at other state and federal agencies. A voter may also register in the Town Clerk's office, or at special registration sessions held in Weston. Mail-in registration forms are now available in a variety of public places around the state and in the Town - including the Town Library and the Police Station.

Each registered voter who is not listed in the census is maintained on an inactive voters list until such voter has failed to vote in two consecutive biennial state elections and has been notified, by mail, of the anticipated removal of his or her name from the inactive voters list.

	PRECINCT				TOTAL
	One	Two	Three	Four	
Libertarian	3	--	5	1	9
Inter. 3 rd Party	--	1	3	1	5
Republicans	512	486	476	476	1,927
Democrats	482	428	301	454	1,665
Unenrolled	1,096	991	845	1,083	4,015
	2,093	1906	1607	2,015	7,621
<i>less: inactive voters</i>					(493)
TOTAL ACTIVE VOTERS					7,128

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO RENOVATE THE TOWN HALL AND FORMER LIBRARY

The committee was appointed late in the summer of 1998, after the request for proposals for the project had been formulated and advertised to the architectural community. The committee's first task was to sift through the eighteen respondents' proposals and narrow the field. The committee agreed on six front-runners, and after checking their references, scheduled interviews with the key people named by five of the six firms. Two more firms were eliminated after the

first round of interviews. In November, the selectmen interviewed the three remaining candidates, and the architectural firm of Ann Beha Associates was selected. In December, contract negotiations were begun, and preliminary inspections of both the Town Hall and Old Library were conducted by the architects and engineers working as part of the Ann Beha team.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY USES AND SPACE NEEDS FOR PUBLIC LANDS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS

During much of 1998 the Committee focused on issues related to providing adequate space for the functioning of Town Hall. At the May, 1998 Town Meeting \$100,000 was appropriated for architectural services to renovate the existing Town Hall and the former Library Building for this purpose. Subsequently, the Selectmen appointed the Committee to Renovate the Town Hall and Former Library.

The Committee also continued exploration of issues related to space needs of the Department of Public Works, and the feasibility of meeting those needs at the current Highway Department site. Discussion of these matters is ongoing and should form the basis of the Committee's activities in 1999.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COUNSELOR

The position of Youth Counselor is under the aegis of the Board of Selectmen. Consultation and training opportunities are available at the Human Relations Service of Wellesley.

The Youth Counseling Office provides individual, family and group counseling to young people aged 11-21 who are students in the Weston Public Schools or who reside in the Town. The office also implements various educational and community service programs and consultations with other professionals involved with the area's youth.

David A. Cope, a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, has a Masters Degree from Simmons School of Social Work and a postgraduate certificate from Boston University for advanced clinical work with substance abuse issues. He has been Director of the Counseling Office since September 1990. In 1998 he had 80 clients for individual counseling. In addition, Mr. Cope ran discussion groups for grades 8 - 12 on a weekly basis.

During 1998 the Youth Counselor conducted substance abuse evaluations with most students referred by the Student Assistance Program and the High School administration. He also coordinated the Human Relations Program, the Peer Mediation program and the SADD program.

LAND USE, PLANNING AND ZONING

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Pressures Building

Weston's extraordinary property values have resulted from our early adoption of restrictive zoning in 1928, followed by successive tightening to codify wise planning in light of new concerns. Other reasons for our unique desirability are convenient location, superior schools, citizen involvement and the wonderful resources and facilities nearby in the metropolitan area, blessed by a regional economy that draws talented people. However, we may be victims of our own success: the prices of land and building sites have reached such a level that existing houses (some historically significant) are being demolished for the sites on which to build new houses. These new houses are inevitably large, in keeping with the land or site costs. The availability of "moderately" priced houses is unfortunately reduced; also, the Board of Appeals is being faced with more requests for variances from setback and height restrictions, as well as for permits for accessory apartments.

Massachusetts Broken Stone Site

Pending before the Board of Appeals, in conjunction with the Planning Board, are dual requests to develop this site on Route 20 near the Waltham line into a large office park. One application is by AMA Funding, for a multi-tenant complex; the other is by Arthur D. Little, seeking to relocate its Cambridge headquarters to the Weston site as the single tenant. Both parties sought Planning Board "Site Plan Review" under the 1988 By-Law, on the basis that an earlier filing created a freeze of the prior law. However, in 1989 the By-Law was changed, requiring a different process, with "Site Plan Approval". The applications were heard by both the Planning Board and the Board of Appeals, preserving, however, the position that they were defectively brought under the 1988, not 1989, law, pending appeal through the courts. Before the Board of Appeals (after many evenings of hearing voluminous evidence) decided the cases, the Massachusetts Appeals Court ruled that the freeze did not apply - so the whole matter reverts back to the need to file new applications under the 1989 law.

Dickson Meadow

In 1969, Massachusetts enacted the "Anti-Snob Zoning" or Low and Moderate Income Housing Act. Under this state law, a developer (public agency, limited dividend or nonprofit organization) which qualifies under special requirements may seek a "comprehensive permit" with the Board of Appeals to build low or moderate income housing, overriding local zoning restrictions. This was first faced by the Board in 1986 and several following years with a proposal to build a large apartment complex on Winter Street near the Massachusetts

Turnpike. After years of stormy hearings and litigation, the proposal was discontinued. In 1995, a different, much smaller project was approved and built on the same site, named "Winter Gardens." This contains 24 houses, of which six are permanently designated as "affordable" for buyers satisfying the limited income and asset requirements under state regulations. Ownership is by condominium law.

Now the Board is deciding another such matter for a 10.86 acre site on Highland Street, called "Dickson Meadow." The Dicksons have donated the land and chosen a nonprofit developer, The Community Builders (TCB), to build 18 houses, six to be "affordable." While the proposed development has passed through the Local Initiative Program, endorsed by the Weston Selectmen and the Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development, substantial opposition has been presented, as to the number and siting of the houses. Opponents contend that fewer than 18 houses are needed (12 "market" and six "affordable") and that the consequent crowding would have a serious negative impact upon the area.

Process

While zoning restrictions have protected the community from uncontrolled, haphazard development and have preserved a level of privacy and quiet enjoyment, they may pose individual hardships to owners who wish to use their properties in a reasonable way. Therefore, the law provides for discretionary relief under special conditions via variances and special permits.

Variances: A property owner wishing to enlarge a house or to build a new one may find that some peculiarity of the lot (area, frontage, widths, setbacks) conflicts with otherwise reasonable plans - or that the proposed height of the structure exceeds the defined limit. Since the Inspector of Buildings cannot issue the necessary permit, the remedy is an appeal to the Board. This requires a two-week newspaper publication of the legal notice, along with individual mailed notices to abutters and close neighbors, for the scheduled hearing. The process thus takes more than three weeks plus an additional three-week period required for anyone who wishes to appeal the decision to the courts. These legally mandated delays can be frustrating; occasionally, they may cause expense and even panic to a seller where a bank survey finds an old, previous error by a builder in locating the house over the setback limits.

The authority to grant variances is provided by law under specified and limited conditions; they are permissible only upon a showing of:

- 1) special circumstances making literal enforcement of the restrictions a substantial hardship, and
- 2) where desirable relief may be granted without detriment to the public good and

- 3) without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent of the zoning law.

These three legal requirements must be satisfied, factually supported at the hearing and explained in the Board's written decision.

Special permits may be granted for a variety of exceptional uses of property in instances provided for in the comprehensive "Use Regulations" section of the Zoning By-Law covering all Districts (residential, multiple dwelling, business, "R&D", wetlands and Aquifer Protection). The special permit procedure also applies to accessory apartments, non-incidental removal of loam, sand and gravel, and to the storage of vehicles, supplies and equipment in a residential district under special circumstances. In many of these cases the site plan approval procedure must first be followed, or waived, in conjunction with the Planning Board's prior review. While the special permit procedure allows for wide discretion, it cannot be used as a device for permitting any use contrary to the Zoning By-Law.

Neighbors, formally notified of all hearings, may attend and voice their opinions or concerns. Some cases provoke sharp controversy; a few require continued public hearings over extended periods of time. The Board makes a sincere effort to listen to each interested neighbor. Three of the six members sit on each case.

Members of the Board of Appeals typically serve for many years. This provides seasoned experience, continuity and collegiality.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY PROCEDURES FOR ACTION PURSUANT TO M.G.L CHAPTERS 61, 61A AND 61B

The Committee to Study Procedures for Action Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapters 61, 61A and 61B was formed following the 1998 Annual Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen appointed Douglas Gillespie, Barbara Hill, Elliot Lobel and Kay McCahan to serve on this committee. The committee met four times through the summer and fall, and in late December the Board of Selectmen approved the committee's recommended policy.

This committee was charged with the task of developing a simple and effective procedure to allow interested parties to be aware of any pending town actions pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapters 61, 61A and 61B. We were pleased to submit the following recommendations:

- By statute, a landowner desiring to sell or convert from prescribed chapter uses (i.e. forestry, agricultural, recreational) must notify the following town

boards by certified mail: Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors, Conservation Commission and Planning Board.

- It is understood that each of the aforementioned boards will place this matter on its agenda for discussion at a posted public meeting. Any interested party may attend such meetings. The town's 120-day option period to acquire the land begins with the deposit in the mail of the landowner's notice to each board.
- Upon receipt of such notice by the Board of Selectmen, the Board shall notify by mail all landowners within 300 feet of the parcel, the Weston Forest & Trail Association, Weston Land Trust, Land Sake, Weston Historical Society and Weston Historical Commission, and post such notice at the Weston Town Hall. Further, the Board shall cause to have published a legal notice in local newspaper(s) relative to the matter. A suggested form of such notice is attached. It is strongly recommended that the above notifications be completed within two weeks of receipt of the Notice of Intent from the landowner.

The committee also submitted the following format for the public notification:

**Town of Weston
Board of Selectmen
NOTICE**

[NAME OF LANDOWNER], the landowner of [ADDRESS], is preparing for a sale or conversion of the land and, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 61 [A,B], notice thereof has been given to the Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors, Conservation Commission and Planning Board.

Pursuant to the terms of MGL Chapter 61 [A,B], the Town has, for a period of 120 days commencing on [DATE], a statutory first refusal option to acquire such land. The Board of Selectmen will be considering this option with the advice of the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, and the Board of Assessors. It is understood that each of these boards will place this matter on its agenda for discussion at a posted public meeting. Any interested party may attend such meetings.

In accordance with the statute, the alternatives available to the Board of Selectmen include:

- [match a *bonafide* offer] [purchase the land at fair market value]
- assign the option to a non-profit conservation organization
- waive its option
- take no action, and the option will lapse at the end of the 120-day period

A Special Town Meeting may be called with respect to this matter for a variety of reasons (including appropriation of funds or bond authorization) and must be called within 45 days after petition by 200 registered voters. All parties should pay close attention to the time constraints dictated by the statute. Residents should be aware that the ultimate decision on the town's option to acquire the parcel rests with the Board of Selectmen.

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission is responsible for the protection and management of Weston's natural resources and the administration of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

The administration of the Wetlands Protection Act continues to take more than one half the time of the Conservation Commission. A total of 92 hearings were conducted during the year. Persons contemplating any work in or within 100 feet of a wetland, or within 200 feet of a stream which flows continuously throughout the year, should seek information about the Wetlands Protection Act at the Commission's office, which is located in the basement of the Town Hall.

During the past year, the Commission has remained committed to the responsible use and management of the Town Conservation land. Trails, fire roads, and hilltop outlooks have been maintained for public use and enjoyment with most of the funding provided by the Weston Forest and Trail Association. Fields throughout the Town have been mowed under contract by Land's Sake.

The Commission enjoyed another year of stewardship of the Case Estate's Forty Acre Field, which was purchased by the town for municipal purposes from Harvard University's Arnold Arboretum. This area has been managed for the Commission by Land's Sake. Land's Sake is a nonprofit, community service organization dedicated to the productive use and maintenance of land in Weston as well as providing education and employment for young people in Weston. Vegetables, flowers, herbs and fruit were provided for sale at a farm stand or on a pick-your-own basis. Maintenance of this area continued with brush clearing, mowing, walking path upkeep, and tree work. Land's Sake also continues to maintain the apple orchard on Concord Road.

The Greenpower Farm project continues to be a vital part of the Town's activities. This project is administered by the Conservation Commission and managed for the Commission by Land's Sake. Well over 20,000 pounds of fresh produce was delivered at no cost to homeless shelters and food pantries. About 40 youngsters participated in this program. These young people received a practical introduction to organic farming and gardening. They were also involved in the distribution of produce to those who needed it. As in the past, land was also made available for community garden plots. Our popular maple syrup project was continued at the "sugar shack" at the Middle School. The Commission supported Land's Sake's involvement with environmental education projects which were conducted with the School Department. There is a need to educate our young people about their relationship to the environment so they can be better equipped to handle such issues in the future. Similarly, teachers in biological and social sciences want to incorporate environmental education into their

and social sciences want to incorporate environmental education into their courses, but until recently have been unaware of the local resources available to them.

A forest management plan has been implemented which now provides fire wood and saw logs. By selective cutting and careful management, the Town's forests will ultimately be much more productive and will provide an improved wildlife habitat. Interpretive and signed trails have been completed on conservation land, one off Crescent Street and another one in the northwest quadrant of the Town in the Ogilvie Town Forest.

During the past several years, a considerable amount of time has been devoted to an MWRA proposal to build a huge water tank on Conservation Land west of the Norumbega Reservoir off Wellesley Street. Recently, this land has been taken by the MWRA. In return, the town has received 12 acres of conservation land on Ash Street close to the Weston Reservoir, and \$3,000,000 with which to purchase additional conservation land to replace the land that has been taken. The Commission has begun the process of evaluating undeveloped parcels of land in Weston which could be purchased with this money.

The Commission has granted a license to occupy the Melone Homestead off Crescent Street to Land's Sake. The organization, which will use the property for office space and living quarters for some of its staff, has built a greenhouse near the house. There are several fields and a developing sugar bush in the same area which Land's Sake will use in the future. Access to the Homestead has been improved with a new culvert at the stream crossing on the driveway. This location makes an ideal home for Land's Sake and many of its activities.



The Melone Homestead

REPORT OF THE CRESCENT STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Last year, the Crescent Street Historic District Commission held one regular meeting for the discussion of Commission business. At the meeting, the Commission reviewed and approved an application for the erection of a picket fence and gate along the southerly boundary of the mill pond located at 39 Crescent Street, a property located within the District.

REPORT OF THE LAND BANK COMMITTEE

The Land Bank Study Committee, appointed in the latter half of 1997, achieved its goals during the first half of 1998, by undertaking and completing a study of the land bank issue and making a recommendation to the Selectmen for a course of action for Weston. The committee recommended that Weston support a local option land bank enabling bill known as the Community Preservation Act. The Selectmen placed an article on the warrant of Annual Town Meeting in May, 1998, to see if voters would support the bill, which they did, by a comfortable margin of 196-117. A secondary recommendation made by the committee has not been pursued, i.e. formation of a committee, representative of local housing, open space, and historic preservation interests, which would work to keep up the momentum by drafting a home rule petition in keeping with the provisions of the Community Preservation Act. A new, revised version of the Community Preservation Act has since been filed in both the House and Senate.

REPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) is the regional planning agency that serves 101 communities in the metropolitan Boston area. It was created by an act of the state legislature in 1963 and has been serving its communities since that time. The Council is composed of one representative from each of the 101 communities appointed by the Chief Elected Officials of each of these cities and towns. In addition there are 21 gubernatorial appointees and 14 agency (such as the DEM, MassPort and MBTA) appointees on the Council. The 25 member elected Executive Committee meets 11 times a year. The full council meets three times a year. Meetings are held at various localities throughout the region.

In order to serve its communities better, the MAPC has organized eight subregions. These groups are composed of representatives from the member communities and an MAPC staff planner. The groups meet on a regular basis to discuss and work on issues of subregional concern. Weston is a member of the MetroWest Growth Management Committee. Representatives of the nine communities that make up that group meet monthly to discuss issues of major concern in the region.

On the region wide scale the MAPC is involved with so many programs and issues that it is not possible to mention them all. However, the following list should give some idea of the breadth of activities, responsibilities and challenges the agency has met over the past year. Among the most active initiatives for 1998 were the following four:

Build-Out Analysis: The agency developed and refined its methodology this past year as it worked on build out reports for 12 communities.

Master Plans: The agency worked with a record number of communities on local master plan studies.

Innovative Project Awards: The agency received two new types of major grants from federal organizations—a “Welfare to Work” grant funded by the US Department of Labor and an Environmental Protection Agency grant to look at sustainable taxation policies.

Major Multi-Organization Collaborations: The agency worked closely with other Regional Planning Agencies, citizens, legislators, business community members, and non-profit organizations on such projects as Southeastern Massachusetts Vision 2020, the I-495 Technology Corridor Initiative/Campaign for Shared Solutions, and several separate Essex County initiatives that included working with the Essex County Selectmen’s Association, Salem State College, and the municipal administrators joint service effort.

Some of the agency's other activities during the year included:

- provision of advice and information to communities on issues including environmental regulations, traffic regulation, planning, zoning and land use;
- preparation of printed or video studies on subjects including the importance of trees in the watershed and how to deal with electric deregulation;
- solicitation, review and recommendation of projects for inclusion in the Transportation Improvements Program;
- tracking and support of and lobbying for legislation affecting this region.

In addition, the MAPC processed and distributed over 200 Environmental Impact Reports and/or Environmental Notification Forms to the appropriate communities. MAPC staff reviewed and sent written comments to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs on concerns regarding traffic management and water quality at the proposed Corporate Center (Mass. Broken Stone) in Weston.

REPORT OF THE METROWEST GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Introduction

The MetroWest Growth Management Committee (MWGMC or the Committee) is an advisory coalition of the Towns of Ashland, Framingham, Natick, Southborough, Sudbury, Wayland, Wellesley, Weston, the City of Marlborough, and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC). Each of the nine communities along the Route 9 and Route 20 corridors are represented by one Selectmen or Mayor/City Councilor and one Planning Board member. The MAPC is represented by its Executive Director and/or Deputy Director. Each community has one vote, with the MAPC included as a community for the purposes of voting and quorum.

The MWGMC regularly reviews proposals deemed to have regional impacts. The review process was created by unanimous agreement for better understanding of development in the region and to mitigate negative impacts while enhancing any positive aspects. The Committee is comprised of taskforces and standing committees which focus on topics that members deem important to this subregion.

During FY'98 Weston was represented by Planning Board Member Kate Detwiler and Selectman Joseph Mullin until May, when he was succeeded in that role by Selectman Douglas Gillespie. The Executive Board includes a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Clerk, Member-At-Large, and a member of the previous Executive Board. MWGMC employs a full-time Director, a part-time Senior Planner, and a part-time Administrative Assistant. The Committee is funded by local assessments from each of the member communities. Natick has provided office space and the MAPC provides accounting and technical services to the Committee as an in-kind contribution. Weston's assessment in FY98 was \$4,409.00.

Regular Activities

Monthly Committee Meetings are held for the purpose of exchanging information and discussing possible actions related to growth and development. Issue-specific presentations are also made during these meetings.

Regional Impact Reviews are conducted by temporary committees established to address the impact of specific projects when development proposals

trigger previously determined thresholds. They enable the MWGMC to accomplish credible, legally defensible, timely and effective reviews and to comment on development proposals which have regional impacts that would not necessarily be addressed in the local review process. RIR Committees are comprised of representatives of a project's host community, two abutting communities and a "neutral" community.

Taskforces meet according to mutually agreed schedules and at the convenience of their members, usually monthly. Active taskforces currently include:

- MetroWest Bicycle/Pedestrian Taskforce;
- MetroWest Water Resources Taskforce;
- MetroWest Open Space Taskforce;
- MetroWest Transportation Taskforce; and
- Coalition of Local Working Groups

Massachusetts Water Resources Authority

In June, 1995, MWGMC voted to enter a three year Technical Services contract with the MWRA, enabling seven communities to receive consulting services to help review complicated MWRA filings concerning the MetroWest Water Supply Tunnel and related capital projects. The impact of such items as traffic, noise, blasting vibration and construction procedures have been addressed. The MWGMC's role has resulted in:

- the awarding of more than \$210,000 in consulting services by the end of June, 1998;
- the formation of a very successful coalition of local working groups;
- the filing of several high quality, detailed MEPA comments during the year by the MWGMC, which have resulted in the amendment and improvement of *various* MWRA's plans;
- completion by consultants, Beals and Thomas, Inc. of the following projects:
 - ◊ creation of a model by which the cash value of public conservation lands can be determined;
 - ◊ Feasibility Study for Public Access to "Lands Reserved for Water Protection" and/or lands owned by MWRA or MDC no longer needed for water protection.

It is anticipated that the MWRA will agree to carry over unexpended funds remaining from the original 3 year contract to continue this pilot project with the MWGMC, as the MWRA is satisfied that the high quality reviews and negotiations which have resulted from this intermunicipal approach have improved the overall project design.

The MWGMC worked with Weston's Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission as well as with a Local Working Group, assisting in informing town residents regarding a land agreement with the MWRA. The town was offered 12 acres of MWRA land at the Weston Reservoir plus \$3 million to replace the 22 acres they will lose. The project was defeated at Town Meeting in May, 1997, but approved by the State Legislature in November of that year. The proposed project is part of the effort to bring the state into compliance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

Municipal Incentive Grant - Deregulation

The Committee applied for and received a \$60,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development to assist 28 communities devise an Electric Cost Reduction Strategy under the new provisions for statewide electric utility deregulation. The Committee administered the grant, while the firm Energy Options Consultants was hired to do the technical analysis. The final product consists of:

- *Energy Supply Choices, A Local Officials' Guide to Electricity Deregulation in Massachusetts,*
- *Utility Restructuring Opportunities, A Municipal Perspective,*
- *Electricity Supply, Options and Recommendations,*
- Model Request for Proposals for Supply Services, for municipalities opting to purchase electric supply services without a group or aggregation,
- Model Request for Proposals for Supply Services, for municipalities opting to purchase electric supply services by forming a group purchasing program, and
- *Consumer's Guide to Electric Deregulation --* a video informing the general consumer of the communities' options.

Turnpike Advisory Board

Chapter 81A, Acts of 1997 was adopted in March 1997. This Act creates an Authority that is empowered to own, construct, maintain, repair, reconstruct, improve, rehabilitate, finance, refinance, use, police, administer, control and operate the Massachusetts Turnpike and the Metropolitan Highway System. The Act provides that there be a Turnpike Advisory Board to the Authority whose purpose is to review and comment on real estate development proposals relative to the Turnpike and its right-of-way between Route 128 and the New York border. It consists of nine members who are appointed as follows:

- two by the Governor,
- one by the Commissioner of the Division of Capital Planning and Operations,
- one by the Massachusetts Audubon Society,

- one - who must reside in a municipality within the Turnpike Corridor - by the Massachusetts Association of Planning Directors, and
- four by the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

The MWGMC Director has served on this Board since its inception as the proxy for the MAPD appointed member. The Committee was hired in November, 1997, to perform administrative functions for the Advisory Board. The proposals on which the Advisory Board has focused during FY98 include:

- a hotel/office complex at Exit 12 of the Turnpike in Framingham,
- an expansion of the Liberty Mutual Offices on the ballfield site in Weston at the intersection of the Turnpike and Route 128,
- development and review of both AT&T and Sprint Master Leases for Telecommunication Towers.

Joint Regional Transportation Committee

The Committee's director also serves as Vice-Chair of the Joint Regional Transportation Committee. This Committee, which represents 101 communities in the Greater Boston region, advises the communities and agencies which comprise the federally mandated Metropolitan Planning Organization. The MPO decides which state and local transportation projects will receive federal funding or state bond money each year. This group also determines what type of transportation planning projects will be conducted.

Open Space Map

At the request of MWGMC, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council finalized an Open Space Map for its nine member communities. These GIS maps show all forms of open space (including protected farms, easements, state, federal and local conservation lands), by ownership category, (such as government, private non-profit, temporary private easement, tax agreement). Although MWRA and MDC information was taken directly from state GIS maps, the initial data was inaccurate. As soon as the data is corrected, 3-5 maps will be distributed to each member community for use in development reviews and open space planning.

Legislative Caucus

The MWGMC held a legislative caucus early in 1998 for the purpose of discussing policy positions with MetroWest legislators on a timely basis. This annual discussion has had a meaningful impact on the outcome of legislative initiatives important to the region and the individual communities within it.

Other Activities

Other Committee activities included:

- efforts to help member communities obtain grants by informing local officials when grant money is available, explaining the application process and assisting them to write the application.

- weekly mailings to all towns about immediate economic development opportunities generated through requests to the Massachusetts Alliance for Economic Development.

The identity of the MetroWest Growth Management Committee as an intermunicipal, cooperative organization continued to grow over the year and it has steadily built a reputation throughout the state as a successful subregion. The projects and studies conducted by the Committee in recent years would have been extremely costly and time consuming for each community to try to accomplish alone, and many would not have been feasible.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board is responsible for land division in town as well as the review of specific development proposals. Development activity continues, and as a result, the Board has met 54 times and held numerous public hearings and site walks. Many of the public hearings were continued due to the complexity of a project.

The Planning Board is concerned about the impact of new residential construction on the appearance of the Town. The trend is alarming. Existing house lots are further subdivided and older, smaller homes have been razed and replaced with significantly larger structures. The new dwellings are often out of scale with abutting properties. In the past two years, the Board has reviewed proposals for single family dwellings ranging in size from 6,000 s.f.-15,000 s.f. Construction of larger homes with swimming pools and tennis courts necessitates the construction of very large septic systems which in turn requires the removal of trees, vegetation and historic stone walls on a lot. This tendency toward "mansionization" is not limited to the Town of Weston. Many communities are struggling with the same issues. In the past few years, at the recommendation of the Planning Board, Town Meeting has enacted zoning amendments which address the erosion of rural character in the Town.

In 1998 the Board:

- i) approved three flexible developments under the Flexible Development provision of the Zoning By-Law;
- ii) utilized regulations that enabled the Board to impose project review fees on developers so that the Board may hire outside consultants for review of a project;
- iii) made one density determination for flexible development;
- iv) approved six Special Permits for Personal Wireless Service facilities;
- v) approved ten projects under Site Plan Approval;
- vi) amended one approved Flexible Development Plans

- vii) reviewed eight Site Plan Approval/Special Permit Applications under the Residential Gross Floor Area requirement (RGFA);
- viii) reviewed several significant projects in Town including:
 - A proposal for 18 Multifamily Dwelling Units under Chapter 40B for the Dickson property on Highland Street;
 - A proposal for an office building on a parcel owned by the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority on Riverside Road, known as the "ballfield site";
 - A proposal for reconstruction of the wooden bridge on Merriam Street by Massachusetts Department of Public Works;
 - Several traffic proposals by the Traffic Advisory Committee for the intersections at: Wellesley, Newton and School Street; Highland Street and Route 20; Boston Post Road and Route 20; Lexington Street and Route 117;
 - A proposal by the Recreation Department to construct its new facility on School property off Wellesley Street.

Approval Not Required Plans

The Board endorsed twelve "Approval Not Required Plans " (ANRs) under the Subdivision Control Law which created new or reconfigured lots with existing street frontage. These included four lots on Highland Street which are part of the Paine Land Trust, across from Love Lane; two lots on Church Street that divided #153 Church Street from the abutting meadow; a division of the Dickson property on Highland Avenue creating one large parcel with the existing house, a 6.6 acre parcel, a 1.8 acre parcel, and a 2.3 acre parcel; two lots owned by the First Church of Christ at 439 Boston Post Road; two lots at 203 Concord Road, separated from land owned by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boston; exchange Road (one non-buildable); two lots at 205 Newton Street (one non-buildable); re-configuration of land between 27 Brenton Road and 380 Winter Street; two lots at 20 Sears of lot lines at Lower Field Road; exchange of land at 103 Walker Road and 23 Chadwick Circle; two lots at 60 Beaver Road; exchange of land at 27 and 31 Coburn Road. The Board denied endorsement of an ANR Plan for an exchange of land at 45 and 55 Bullard Road, 71 Ridgeway Road and 30 Corwood Drive, due to insufficient frontage on one of the lots.

Site Plan Approval

The Board reviewed and approved ten projects under the Site Plan Approval provision of the Weston Zoning By-Law.

A proposal was submitted by AMA Funding to relocate the North American headquarters of Arthur D. Little, Inc. to the Massachusetts Broken Stone site on Route 20. The Board spent many hours with its lighting, traffic and engineering consultants evaluating the impact of 350,000 s.f. of office building on the Town.

Much of the discussion focused on methods of mitigating traffic impact during peak commuter hours at the site drive and on specific intersections in the Town and the Town Center. After several public hearings and at least 19 meetings, the Board recommended approval of the project in a May 14, 1998 letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals with 19 pages of conditions.

A family day care proposal at 2 Applecrest Road was submitted by the homeowners.

Astra Research Center Boston, Inc. submitted a proposal for a parking area to be located on a 64 acre a parcel that straddles the City of Waltham and the Town of Weston, north of Indian Hill Road. Site access is via Winter Street in Waltham. The parcel is zoned Research and Development in Weston.

Eaton Pharmacy presented a proposal to expand into the abutting structure that contains a knitting shop, and reroof and refacade the structure.

Rivers Day Camp requested Site Plan Approval for its summer day camp.

The Developers of three approved Flexible Developments requested Site Plan Approval for five lots. These include one lot on Prescott Lane (off Loring Road); two lots on Nottingham Lane (off 474 Concord Road); one lot on Lower Field Road and one lot on Hitching Post Lane (off Church Street).

Density Determination for Flexible Development

The Board made one density determination for a proposed development under the Flexible Development provision to the Zoning By-Law. The purpose of the density determination is to determine the number of houses allowed under a conventional development. This establishes the allowable maximum density for a flexible development.

A three lot maximum density was determined for the parcel at 145 Winter Street submitted by David Fleischer, Trustee, Winter Street Realty Trust.

Flexible Development Plans

The Board approved a four lot Flexible Development Plan (three buildable lots) for a parcel at 366 and 372 Winter Street, by MFA Development LLC. The existing house at #366 Winter Street will be demolished. Particular attention was paid to methods of handling storm water runoff from the site during review of the plan.

A two lot Flexible Development Plan was submitted and approved for 87 Sunset Road by June and Robert Macdonald. The existing house will be demolished.

A four lot Flexible Development Plan was approved for 100 Orchard Avenue, submitted by the Estate of Barbara F. Biddle. One of the lots will be deeded to Weston Forest and Trail Association, Inc. An existing house is located on the site.

The Board approved an amendment to a three lot Subdivision Plan previously approved for Bridle Path, off of Saddle Hill Road. The amendment involved the process for installation of town water at the subdivision.

Special Permits for Personal Wireless Service Facilities

Four Special Permits were issued for Personal Wireless Service Facilities during the past year. These facilities enable the widespread usage of cellular telephones and are protected by the Telecommunications Act. The facilities in Weston were either mounted on the roof of a non residential building or enclosed within a church bell tower. Omnipoint Communications, Inc. installed roof antennae and base transceiver systems within the bell towers of both St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 320 Boston Post Road and The First Baptist Church at 657 Boston Post Road, and a roof antenna and ground mounted equipment at the Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman Tennis Center, Inc. at 200 Brown Street. Bell Atlantic Mobile Inc. installed roof mounted antenna panels and ground mounted equipment at Gateway Medical Center at 134 South Avenue.

Site Plan Approval and/or Special Permit under Residential Gross Floor Area

Six projects that exceeded the Residential Gross Floor Area Ratio (RGFA) for a house greater than 10% of its lot size or a house that was greater than 6,000 s.f. were reviewed and approved by the Board under Site Plan Approval. They include: 63 Winsor Way, 67 Bogle Street, 15 Brown Street, 29 Blackburnian Road, 79 Byron Road , 85 Chestnut Street. Conditions placed on these projects included elimination of unnecessary exterior lighting, elimination of circular driveways, decreasing the elevation of the house, maintenance of existing vegetation and planting of new vegetative buffers and storm water runoff controls.

A proposal for a new house at 54 Rolling Lane was denied by the Board under its Special Permit authority under the RGFA.

Zoning Amendments

The Planning Board proposed, and the Town adopted, four amendments to the Zoning By-Law and two to the General By-Law during 1998. Several of the amendments were developed as an outgrowth of the meetings the Board held with residents on ways in which the Town can reduce the impact of new construction on the rural character of the community.

The amendments to the Zoning By-Law were as follows:

- the lot irregularity provision of the Zoning By-Law for all single family lots created after May 12, 1998 that are not part of a Flexible Development was tightened.
- the height regulation in all zoning districts was amended by changing the way that height of a building or dwelling is measured from lowest finished

grade to average natural grade. This provision now takes into account dwellings on sloped sites by regulating the number of stories measured from the finished grade.

- a higher threshold of review for new homes that exceed the Residential Gross Floor Area Ratio (RGFA) was established; a Special Permit from the Planning Board in addition to Site Plan Approval is now required.
- the establishment of a veterinarian or animal hospital in a single family residence district was allowed with Site Plan Approval from the Planning Board and a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals -- provided that the premises had been continuously so used for the past 25 years and were located on the Boston Post Road or the Boston Post Road Bypass.

The following amendments were made to the General By-Law:

- a new “Demolition Delay By-Law” established a delay process for all homes built prior to 1945 that are proposed for demolition. Under this provision such proposals are subject to review and approval by the Weston Historical Commission.
- the Scenic Road By-Law was amended to redefine activities that can occur within the Right of Way of the designated Scenic Roads with Planning Board approval and to add sixteen new roads to the list of designated scenic roads.

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

During 1998 the Town's Emergency Management System was maintained and updated as required, but fortunately there were no incidents that required activation.

Contact was maintained at the state level with attendance at several Area-1 Massachusetts Emergency Management meetings at which updates were presented on emergency management topics and procedures.

The on-going revision of the Town's Emergency Plan was continued as required by statute.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calendar 1998 produced 1,740 incidents requiring the services of the Weston Fire Department and included serious fires which caused over two million dollars in damages.

Your constant effort to keep Weston's homes fire safe have thankfully produced another year in which no citizen's life was lost due to a tragic fire. The consistent effort to maintain a fire-safe atmosphere in our homes and businesses is an absolute must and is an investment, which pays great dividends. Always remember that all large and tragic fires started as small fires. It only takes a very small mistake or oversight to allow a major tragedy to take place. Start a personal campaign for Fire prevention in your home or business now. Yes, it can happen -- but do not wait until it does to do something about it --

PREVENT FIRES BEFORE THEY START!

We continue to stress the importance equipping each and every home with smoke detectors, which will provide early warning for evacuation should a fire occur. It is equally important to maintain the smoke detectors that are in place and keep them in good working order. Smoke detectors should be cleaned by vacuum and batteries should be replaced, both on an annual basis. It is a good idea to set up a program whereby this annual maintenance is conducted at the same time as you change your clocks, either in the fall or spring. In addition, a review of your family fire escape plans should occur at least semi-annually.

Never hesitate to call the Fire Department for advice on smoke detectors, fire safety inspections, or any matter regarding your own fire safety situation. Personnel are always available to help in whatever way we can to make Weston a safer place to live.

During 1998, the Department's apparatus and equipment was kept in good condition through the preventative maintenance program supervised by the Department Mechanic, John Finnerty.

The municipal fire alarm and signal system was tested and maintained under the supervision of the Fire Alarm Superintendent Alan J. Lazzari. During the year he spent considerable time reviewing the plans of several new construction projects to ascertain that proper fire protection systems are being included as required by codes and testing and evaluating these systems after installation.

The Department also continued the quarterly inspection program required by law in all public buildings, municipal buildings, nursing homes, churches, day care centers and camps. All of the Town's commercial properties were also inspected on a periodic basis. New and replacement oil burners were inspected and permits issued. Other fire prevention activities included the inspection of auxiliary and home fire protection systems, flammable liquid storage facilities and tanker vehicles, underground fuel tank removals, blasting operations and several other ancillary areas of public safety. Quarterly fire exit drills were conducted in all public and private schools and college dormitories.

We have continued to update the Department's level of professionalism. All department personnel have participated in continuing training and education in firefighting and emergency medical techniques. During the months of May and June all members of the department went through an intensive eighty hour Technical Rescue Program which was conducted by the Barnstable County Fire Training Academy. This program was designed to provide the department with the ability to respond to and operate at a variety of rescue scenarios, especially those that might be encountered at the various MWRA construction sites in the Town. The training was paid for by the MWRA and upon completion all members were certified at the Technical Rescue Operational Level. This training and the equipment received from the MWRA Projects will greatly enhance the department's rescue capabilities.

Again, the Department's certified instructors gave several CPR Courses to the public during the year. These programs provide participants with training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiac Care should the need arise. This training has proven to be a lifesaver in many cases and many people are alive today because a trained civilian provided early intervention at the scene of a cardiac arrest before emergency service personnel arrived. These courses are

conducted periodically or can be scheduled according to specific needs. Please call if you wish to be contacted when the next course is offered.

Other activities of the Weston Fire Department remained consistent with those of other years for the most part. The MWRA Projects started in September, 1997 moved into full operation, especially at the Loring Road site. Mr. Richard J. Macmillan was hired to serve as MWRA Liaison Officer, overseeing the department's interest on the various MWRA construction sites. He recently retired as the Fire Chief in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, and his experience and expertise have proven invaluable during the past year, especially in the process of monitoring the extensive blasting activities taking place.

As we move on to the last year of the century we are continually examining ourselves to see how we can improve upon and maintain the services that provide the greatest benefit to the Town in the most cost effective manner. As stated previously, the manpower level of the Weston Fire Department is of real concern, as it has remained constant since 1972. The department is being called upon to answer simultaneous calls with ever increasing frequency and we are finding that on several occasions we have had to delay response due to the lack of available personnel. With the ever increasing call for services and the growth that the Town is experiencing, the time has come to give serious thought towards increasing the on-duty strength of the department. We will be addressing those concerns through the budget process by asking for an increase in overtime funding; however, this may well be the last year that additional overtime money is a viable solution if our activity rate continues to rise. The time to add firefighters may be at hand in the next fiscal year.

This report is concluded with an expression of gratitude and appreciation to all of the officers, women and men of the Weston Fire Department for their wholehearted cooperation and support and for their efficient and dedicated service. Thanks are also due to the citizens of Weston, the Honorable Board of Selectmen, members of the Finance Committee and the many others who have supported our efforts directly and indirectly during this year.

DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1998

In 1998 the Weston Fire Department responded to 83 Bell Alarms and 1,657 Still Alarms for a total of 1,740 Alarms as follows:

FIRE INCIDENTS	134
AMBULANCE INCIDENTS	794
OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES	812

Mutual Aid was received 51 times from our neighboring communities during 1998 and we reciprocated to our neighbors on 112 occasions. The Emergency Ambulance Service responded to a total of 794 incidents as follows:

<u>Responded to:</u>		<u>Transport To Hospitals</u>	<u>Transport Not Required</u>
526	Medical Emergencies	440	178
148	Motor Vehicle Accidents	80	52
43	Fires/Other Incidents	25	19

Comparison of Alarms Answered - 10 Year Period

1989	1,207 Alarms		
1990	1,128 Alarms		
1991	1,257 Alarms	10 Year Average:	1,437 Incidents Annually
1992	1,261 Alarms		
1993	1,346 Alarms		
1994	1,418 Alarms	5 Year Average:	1,635 Incidents Annually
1995	1,535 Alarms		
1996	1,825 Alarms		
1997	1,657 Alarms	3 Year Average:	1,741 Incidents Annually
1998	1,740 Alarms		

Permits Issued Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws

Burning Permits	870
Blasting Permits	33
Carpet Installations	12
LP Gas Storage Permits	23
Tank Truck Inspections	6
Cutting & Welding Permits	2
Explosives Storage Permits	2
Flammable Liquid Storage Permits	3
Underground Tank Removal Permits	43
Oil Burner Installations/ Alterations	60
Fire Alarm Systems - New Construction	60
Fire Alarm Systems - Residential Sales	243

1998 Revenue

Turned over to the Town Treasurer in Fiscal 1998 (*July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998*)

Fees for Ambulance Services	\$ 95,081.99
Services to MA Turnpike Authority	10,000.00
All Other Revenues Received	<u>8,196.65</u>
Total Revenue Generated	\$ 113,278.64

Department Apparatus Inventory

<u>Apparatus</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Year Purchased</u>
Car - 2	4-WD Expedition	1998
Car - 3	4-WD Pickup Truck	1987
Engine - 1	1,250 GPM Pumper	1996
Engine - 2	750 GPM Pumper	1975
Engine - 3	1000 GPM Pumper	1990
Engine - 4	1000 GPM Pumper	1985
Engine - 5	4-WD Brush Truck	1991
Engine - 6	750 GPM Pumper	1970
Ladder - 1	85' Aerial Ladder	1977
Chief's Car	Ford Crown Victoria	1994
Ambulance - 1	1992 Braun ERV	1992
Ambulance - 2	1983 Braun ERV	1983
Boat & Trailer	14' Flat Bottom	1973
Fire Alarm Truck	36' Aerial Bucket	1981

Weston Fire Department - 1998

Permanent Personnel

<u>Rank</u>		<u>Appointed</u>
Chief	John E. Thorburn	1961
Captain	John C. Ryan	1963
Captain	Kenneth H. McRae	1967
Captain/EMT	Peter M. Perrin	1966
Captain	David L. MacLeod	1966
Lieutenant/EMT	Gary L. MacLeod	1968
Lieutenant	Louis J. Young	1963
Lieutenant	Peter J. Walsh	1966
Lieutenant/EMT	Edmund M. Walker	1987
Supt. of Fire Alarm/EMT	Alan J. Lazzari	1972
Dept. Mechanic/EMT	John H. Finnerty	1977
Firefighter	Paul F. Young	1967
Firefighter	Charles F. MacLeod, Jr.	1971
Firefighter	Daniel J. Robertson	1972
Firefighter	Kenneth F. Daniels	1972
Firefighter/EMT	Dwight F. Robertson	1981
Firefighter/EMT	William J. Hourihan	1982
Firefighter/EMT	Paul B. Nicholas, Jr.	1985
Firefighter/EMT	Robert S. Sinclair	1986
Firefighter/EMT	Michael J. Tuttle	1988
Firefighter/EMT	Antony C. Baker	1988
Firefighter/EMT	Donald C. Bardsley	1988

<u>Rank</u>		<u>Appointed</u>
Firefighter/EMT	Craig R. Johnston	1989
Firefighter/EMT	Stephen G. Carter	1989
Firefighter/EMT	Peter E. Richardson	1991
Firefighter/EMT	Todd P. Munson	1992
Firefighter/EMT	John J. Cronin	1993
Firefighter/EMT	J. Terrence Notartomaso	1994
Firefighter/EMT	Brenda M. Smith	1996
MWRA Liason	Richard J. Macmillan	1997

Call-Firefighters

<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointed</u>
Peter G. Palmgren***	1965
Philip J. Gardent***	1972
William C. Leiser***	1973
Robert G. Hutchinson	1975
Kurt D. Upham	1987
Kevin A. Tuttle***	1991
Barret W. Gilchrist	1991
John J. Babstock	1992
Kristen A. Piro	1996
Joshua W. Newbury	1996
Robert M. Billings	1996
Mark R. Forbes	1996
Christopher P. Marchetti	1996
Jonathan W. Young	1996

*** Removed from rolls as of 9/28/98 for lack of participation.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND WIRES

FISCAL YEAR 1998 AND 5-YEAR SUMMARY REPORT

	1998				1997				1996			
	Permits Issued (Number)	Estimated Value (Dollars)	Fees (Dollars)		Permits Issued (Number)	Estimated Value (Dollars)	Fees (Dollars)		Permits Issued (Number)	Estimated Value (Dollars)	Fees (Dollars)	
Single Family Residence	32	22,659,051	183,331		38	\$ 24,958,440	\$ 60,871		62	\$ 22,060,857	\$ 52,950	
Multiple Dwelling District	-	0	0		-	-	-		-	-	-	
New Building-Commercial	3	4,622,000	46,220		-	-	-		2	1,073,400	5,368	
Additions/Alterations/												
Repairs (Residential)	233	22,561,794	158,736		246	14,156,985	82,410		242	10,724,112	48,925	
Additions/Alterations/												
Repairs (Commercial)	6	290,000	2,900		10	12,352,800	2,195		7	610,310	3,170	
Other Construction/												
Residential	111	1,756,356	14,320		91	944,722	7,024		62	1,449,583	5,047	
Other Construction/												
Commercial/Municipal	30	1,435,450	15,323		16	215,825	2,405		18	163,360	1,070	
Other Construction and												
Periodic Inspections	36	-	2,320		14	-	585		20	-	920	
Total Construction	451	\$ 53,324,651	\$ 423,150		415	\$ 52,628,772	\$ 155,490		413	\$ 36,081,622	\$ 117,450	
Gas Permits	345		12,101		377		5,972		299		2,735	
Plumbing Permits	396		24,343		402		12,431		372		10,404	
Wiring Permits	539		37,483		469		26,280		506		26,216	
Total	1,731		\$ 497,077		1,663		\$ 200,173		1,590		\$ 156,805	

	1995			1994		
	Permits Issued (Number)	Estimated Value (Dollars)	Fees (Dollars)	Permits Issued (Number)	Estimated Value (Dollars)	Fees (Dollars)
Single Family Residence	28	\$ 12,276,560	\$ 27,465	26	\$ 10,559,660	\$ 25,750
Multiple Dwelling District	-	-	-	5	2,000,000	1,000
New Building-Commercial	1	2,723,900	10,000	1	1,090,000	-
Additions/Alterations/						
Repairs (Residential)	231	9,578,605	38,543	228	10,730,776	47,581
Additions/Alterations/						
Repairs (Commercial)	5	3,250,000	12,365	-	-	-
Other Construction/						
Residential	72	465,382	3,064	89	913,675	5,042
Other Construction/						
Commercial/Municipal	4	225,925	1,150	-	-	-
Other Construction and						
Periodic Inspections	18	-	1,110	40	-	790
Total Construction	359	\$ 28,520,372	\$ 93,697	389	\$ 25,294,111	\$ 80,163
Gas Permits	292		2,430	284		2,522
Plumbing Permits	392		9,458	371		12,832
Wiring Permits	423		22,442	389		18,805
Total	1,466		\$ 128,027	1,433		\$ 114,322

REPORT OF THE PARKING CLERK

When a parking ticket is issued in Weston, the recipient is required to submit payment or request a hearing within twenty-one (21) days. If neither occurs within that time a hearing date is automatically set and an attempt is made to notify the vehicle owner. If the ticket is not paid or dismissed by the Parking Clerk within 90 days of the hearing notification, then the owner's name, address, vehicle registration and operator's license numbers are submitted to the Registry of Motor Vehicles. This submission to the Registry constitutes the marking for non-renewal of the owner's driver's license and vehicle registration. Such a mark can only be cleared when all outstanding parking fines are paid, along with an additional \$20.00 processing fee for each marked violation.

Safety issues are of primary concern to Weston's Police Department in issuing parking tickets. In considering safety, emphasis is placed on the ability of emergency vehicles to gain access to all areas of the town and the schools in particular. School buses also require ready access to the schools in order to meet their schedules. Parked cars which obstruct such access to schools, Memorial Pool, the transfer station and other areas will continue to be ticketed on a regular basis. During construction at the Middle School, parking and access are more limited than under normal conditions, and drivers are requested to be especially mindful of signs and safety considerations.

Drivers are reminded that parking in crosswalks is illegal. The safety of pedestrians and other drivers as well as the ability of emergency vehicles to proceed should be considered by drivers when parking their cars. The Police Department also enforces the 2-hour parking limit which prevails throughout much of Weston Center. The availability of convenient parking for customers of town businesses is beneficial to local businesses and to the town as a whole.

During 1997 the number of parking tickets issued nearly quadrupled over 1996. In 1998 the number declined slightly from 1997, an indication that Chief Mayo's emphasis on enforcement of traffic laws may be having some effect.

Questions may be addressed to the Parking Clerk at Town Hall or to the Weston Police Department.

Summary of tickets issued and fines collected during 1998:

Tickets issued:	384	Fines levied:	\$ 5,020.00
Tickets dismissed:	35	Fines dismissed:	\$ 480.00
Tickets paid:	298	Total collected:	\$ 3,970.00

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department extends its thanks to the many boards and departments throughout the town who have aided us in the performance of our duties. As Police Chief I would like to thank the officers of my department for their hard work and dedication to duty and the citizens of Weston for their constant support of the police department.

1998 was a busy year for the Weston Police and this year has ended with the announcement of the retirement of Lieutenant John C. Bentley. Lt. Bentley will be missed, as he has been an excellent administrator and of great help to me during my transition from Stow. Best of luck, John, and may your retirement be filled with good health and happy times.

During 1998 the police department made 96 arrests, an 11% decrease over 1997. We continued to be diligent in our patrols of the Norumbega Point area and helped arrange a meeting of residents with the MDC, State Representatives and State Senators which resulted in repair of the street, new speed signs, increased State Police patrols and a ban on truck traffic.

The total number of traffic accidents investigated by the police in 1998 again dropped from 311 in 1997 to 263 in 1998, a decrease of 48 or 15%. This decline is a direct reflection of the increased efforts of the patrol force to enforce traffic violations.

With funds provided by the Community Policing grant from the Office of Public Safety we were able to provide the bike patrol in the center of town by Officer Michael Joyal. Mike does an excellent job and I know that the business community appreciates his efforts.

Throughout the year the police department faced many challenges from the sale of drugs on school property to the malicious destruction of mail Boxes.

A statistical breakdown of activity during 1998 follows:

WESTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
1998 Statistics

Abandoned motor vehicles	4
Automobile accidents investigated	299
Persons reported injured	72
Accidents involving bicycles	5
Accidents involving pedestrians	4
Accidents - fatal	0
Accidents involving deer	29
Automobile thefts	2
Recovered	1
Thefts outside Weston, recovered	1
Burglar alarms investigated	1810
Officers responding to burglar alarms	2101
Complaints and investigations (excluding dog)	7231
Complaints referred to Animal Control Officer	187
Lost/stray dogs reported	94
Report of dog bites	12
Domestic abuse orders	23
Received from courts and others	23
Emergency orders served	8
Orders violated	4
E911 Emergency calls recorded	249
Fire department, assist on calls (other than rescue calls)	485
Indecent exposure reported	1
Lockouts, auto/home	22
Lost property found in Weston	45
Property returned to owner	15
Obscene phone calls reported	4
Street lights reported out	220
Sudden deaths investigated	6
Threat/letters/calls	15
Traffic warnings forwarded to Registry	1090
Civil citations forwarded to Registry	643
Trespassing	5
Civil fines assessed	\$ 15,845
Acts of vandalism reported	78
Vacant houses reported to Police	27
Total miles traveled by Department in 1998	296,538

Major Crimes Reported to Police in 1998

Armed robbery	0
Assault and battery	7
Burglaries reported	10
Forcible entry	8
Unlawful entry - no force	2
Attempts	3
Larcenies reported	57

Value of Stolen Property:

<u>Stolen</u>	<u>Recovered</u>
\$136,291	\$62,000

Motor Vehicle Violation/Complaints - 1998

Disobey signs, signals, markings	1
DPW yield sign violation	12
Fail to keep right	4
Fail to keep right, view obstructed	8
Fail to yield at intersection	20
Stop sign violation, Town road	53
Not wearing proper seatbelt restraint	2
Operating without being properly licensed	20
Fail to signal before stopping/turning	2
Uninspected motor vehicle	161
Fail to stop when signaled by Officer	3
Operating uninsured motor vehicle	21
Operating, no display of registration sticker	1
Defective equipment	37
Operating unregistered motor vehicle	31
Operating, violation of Town by-laws	36
Operating, violation of DPW rules/regulations	8
Speeding	696
Misc.	217
Total:	<hr/> 1,333

Adult Arrests and Other Court Cases - 1998

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Assault and Battery	1	1
Assault with Dangerous Weapon	1	
Breaking, Entering and Larceny	3	1
Carrying a Dangerous Weapon	1	
Larceny from a Motor Vehicle		1
Larceny over \$250.00	1	1
Leaving Accident Scene after Property Damage		1
Minor Transporting Alcohol	4	1
Possession of Burglarious Tools	1	
Trespass After Notice	11	
Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol	7	1
Operating After License Suspended	11	2
Operating Without Valid License	3	1
Violation of Domestic Restraining Order		1
Possession Class D - Marijuana	1	1
Warrants Served for Other Departments	16	3
Total:	<u>61</u>	<u>15</u>

Disposition of Arrests - 1998

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Guilty, fined	9	2
Guilty, filed	4	
Admit to sufficient facts	1	2
Continued without a finding	11	2
Dismissed by court with proof	10	
Draw program, OUI liquor, second offense	4	1
Not guilty	1	
Warrants served for other departments	10	1
Cases continued	11	7
Total:	<u>61</u>	<u>15</u>

Revenues Generated by the Police Department in Calendar Year 1998:

1. Parking violations issued:		
Code A (@ \$10)	144	\$ 1,440
Code B (@ \$15)	243	3,645
Code C (@ \$25)	2	50
2. Citations processed through the Registry of Motor Vehicles, deemed civil assessments, minor in nature		42,485
3. Second District Court of Eastern Middlesex at Waltham, fines & assessments		15,845
4. False burglar alarm assessments issued		385
5. Reimbursement from Commonwealth of Mass. for Educational Incentive Pay Program		214,098
6. Requests for copies of reports Insurance Companies, etc.		1,473
7. Fees from issuing pistol permits and firearms identification cards		975
8. Fees from holiday work permits, and other miscellaneous fees		
	Total:	\$ 280,396

1998 JUVENILE REPORT

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Annoying Telephone Calls	1	2
Assault and Battery	1	1
Breaking and Entering (Daytime)	2	
Breaking and Entering (nighttime)	2	
Breaking and Entering (motor vehicle)	3	
Chins warrant	2	1
Conspiracy to Violate Narcotic Laws	1	1
Counterfeiting	1	
Larceny		1
Littering	1	
Minor in Possession of Alcohol	3	4
Operating MV Under the Influence of Alcohol	1	
Possession of Dangerous Weapon	1	
Possession of Marijuana	3	2
Protective Custody (intoxicated)	5	1
Runaway		1
Selling Drugs within 1000 ft. Of School	1	
Shoplifting	5	
Threats	2	1
Trespassing	5	
Using a MV w/out Authority		1
Uttering forged Instrument	1	
Vandalism	2	
Miscellaneous	2	3
Totals:	<hr/> 45	<hr/> 19

Disposition of Juvenile Cases - 1998

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Court hearings (Clerk - Magistrate)	9	4
Juvenile Court (Judge)	22	5
Conference w/Parents or School Officials	10	7
Referred to Outside Agency	2	2
Held for Release to Parent w/out charges	1	
Warrant Issued	1	1
Totals:	<hr/> 45	<hr/> 19

Amount of Restitution Collected During 1998: \$1,100

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICER

Incidents of alcohol and drug use involving persons age seventeen and under, increased during 1998. The police department also recorded increased complaints of vandalism and shoplifting.

In May, a costly act of graffiti was committed at the front entrance of the newly renovated high school. Several local students were implicated, but due to the lack of physical evidence, those alleged to be responsible could not be charged. This case is still open. End of school year "pranks" are actually crimes and affect the entire community.

In June, two local youths were arrested and charged with possession and distribution of Class D - Marijuana. In October, court complaints were issued to several high school students involved in selling and buying drugs on school property.

Because of the continuing problem of teenage drinking parties, the police department set new policies and procedures regarding minors in possession of alcohol. Anyone under 21 that possesses alcohol will be arrested or summonsed to court and party hosts will be charged accordingly. Parents of teens caught drinking will always be notified.

School bus safety is always a top priority. When driving, please be watchful of children at school bus stops and always stop for buses that are loading or unloading students.

Cooperation between the schools and the police continues each year. Officer Millen thanks school administrators who allow his scheduling for safety education and assist him with investigations involving school incidents and parental concerns.

Community Services Officer - Summary of Activities

Juvenile Complaints Investigated	64
Traffic Complaints/Signs/Hazards investigated	28
DSS Mandated Reports Filed	5
Investigations of Cars passing stopped School Buses	2
Crime Prevention Programs Conducted	4
Town -Wide safety related programs conducted	30

REPORT OF THE PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

During 1998 the Committee worked extensively on the design of a walk leading from the Merriam/Concord Road intersection in two directions; 1) on Merriam Street to a conservation trail just past Sunset Road; 2) on Concord Road to the Recreation/Skating Pond entrance. This design was reviewed and slightly modified at the suggestion of the Planning Board, and then reviewed by the Conservation Commission. This package was finalized and turned over to Richard Nota of the Department of Public Works for competitive bidding and implementation - hopefully early in 1999.

Thanks to the active interest and involvement of a group of neighbors on Lexington Street we believe we have reached agreement on a sidewalk design which will enable us to overcome a long standing obstacle in that area. This design will be drawn up and reviewed by all owners on Lexington Street; as well as appropriate other Town Boards, Town Officials and the Cambridge School. Hopefully, the reviews will occur early in 1999 and an engineering package can be prepared for bidding with possible construction later in the year.

The Committee is starting to look at future walks on Ash Street from the Reservoir to Newton Street, Conant Road from Sunset Road to Viles Street, a short section on Highland Street and possibly a short section on Cliff Road.

The Committee has consulted with the Traffic Advisory Committee from time to time and has generally supported its suggestions.

REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Organized in February 1998, the Traffic Advisory Committee spent its first year putting together a list of traffic trouble spots in town, developing an operating procedure, establishing communications with the public and completing several projects.

The list of 31 projects was tackled with great enthusiasm. The committee met 18 times during 1998 and held one public hearing and, by year's end, many of the projects had been addressed. In a half dozen locations residents formed area groups to focus attention on traffic problems in their neighborhoods, and the Traffic Advisory Committee established close communications with each through a designated representative. Residents were encouraged to attend committee meetings involving their neighborhoods and the area representatives were added to the mailing lists for all communications involving their neighbor-

hoods. Traffic counts taken by Weston Speed Watch volunteers at many locations in town, sometimes assisted by area residents, proved helpful to the committee in developing solutions to traffic problems.

The most visible project to be completed during 1998 was Case's Corner. After considerable analysis and public input a temporary change to the traffic patterns was installed at the end of July. Four months later, the Board of Selectmen approved a permanent installation which has met with considerable public approval.

At year's end the committee was focusing on several major traffic problems, among them Weston Center By-Pass, Lexington Street, Church Street, North Avenue and the intersection of Route 30 and Wellesley Street.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN AND MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

From July of 1997 to July of 1998 the Tree Warden continued his review of the status of the trees along the town roadways. As a result of his inspection, and after the required public hearings were held, approximately 36 dead or hazardous trees were scheduled for removal. The Town's contracted tree company is completing that contract now. There is already a growing list of trees recommended for removal or pruning before the end of this fiscal year.

In addition to removals, the Town's contracted tree company has done 17 days of judicious pruning of broken or dead hanging limbs along public ways. This extensive accomplishment is essential to the health of our trees as well as increasing public safety. The vigorous pruning program will be continued. The concerns of individual residents have been addressed as they are reported to the Public Works Department.

Boston Edison has completed trimming approximately four street circuits in town. These particular circuits were identified for trimming by the Tree Warden together with Boston Edison by examining the history of electrical outages in the town.

A serious infestation of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid within the Town Common area was identified during an inspection by the Tree Warden. An accredited company was hired and an environmentally acceptable spray treatment was applied. Monitoring of this situation with our Hemlocks will continue.

A particularly happy occasion was the planting of a replacement tree, a Red Oak in front of the Town Hall Building in honor of Ward Carter's many years of service to the town. Thanks go to Ann Leibowitz for her gracious assistance and coordination. It made this remembrance a successful occasion enjoyed by all.

The preservation of the health and beauty of the trees along Weston's public roads is essential to the rural character of the town that we all enjoy. My work as Tree Warden continues to be a pleasure and I look forward to working together with town employees, residents, and members of town governing boards to achieve that end.



Town Administrator J. Ward Carter at dedication of tree in his honor.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board bid a fond farewell to Dr. Will Cochran in April of this year with thanks and deep appreciation for his many years of service to the town and welcomed Dr. Nicholas Guerina to the Board. Melinda Krentzin, Administrative Assistant and Roy Sanderson, Director of Health continue as our very capable staff.

Title V: Issues concerning Title V continue to make up the main portion of our work. Title V activities for calendar year 1998:

Septic Systems Inspections:	422
Soil Evaluations/Percolation Tests	632
Plan Reviews: home additions	131
Plan Reviews: new systems	135

We encourage residents to pick up the information sheets on Title V that are available at the Health Office.

Rabies: Although the instances of rabid wildlife decreased during this past year, raccoon Rabies is now, and will continue to be, endemic to the wildlife population. We continue to work with Linda Perrin, School Nurse, in educating children and parents about the need for caution around any wild animal. Paula Nicholas is Weston's Animal Inspector. She handles all reports of possible rabies exposure with the town. She can be reached by calling the Police Department at 893-4800. A reminder: **All dogs and cats must be vaccinated against Rabies.**

Mental Health: The Board continues to support community mental health services. The three agencies serving Weston residents are the Human Relations Service in Wellesley, the Multi-Service Center in Newton and the Charles River Workshop in Needham.

Food Safety: New this year was a food safety training course offered by Roy Sanderson for town employees working in the area of food distribution and preparation.

Board Cooperation: The Board continues in its cooperative efforts with the Conservation Commission, Building Inspector and Planning Board to improve communication and services to the residents of the town.

Fees: Fees collected by the Board of Health during calendar year 1998 totalled \$56,289 or slightly more than 50% of our total budget.

Summary: In addition to the areas listed above, the Board of Health is responsible for the inspection of restaurants and cafeterias, camps, and town swimming facilities. We handle reporting of communicable diseases and provide vaccines for town-run clinics and employees. We encourage residents to contact us with their concerns and questions pertaining to health matters. The members of the Board, Nick Guerina, Marie Tobin and Joan Vernon thank the staff for their dedication and hard work. They are doing a great job!

The Health Department office hours are Monday - Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; however it is recommended that you call before coming in as staff members are often out of the office on site inspections. The new telephone number is (781) 529-0104.

REPORT OF THE EAST MIDDLESEX MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project conducts a program in Weston consisting of mosquito and wetland surveillance, larval and adult mosquito control, ditch maintenance and public education. The Project participates as a component of the State's *Vector Control Plan to prevent Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)*.

Abnormal weather conditions characterized the first half of the year. Warm winter weather resulted in an early emergence of both spring floodwater and permanent water mosquitoes. Record rains in mid-June provided suitable conditions for an emergence of summer floodwater mosquitoes. Mosquito populations remained moderate to below average during July and August.

The objectives of the survey program are to identify and describe mosquito habitats, to quantify changes in larval and adult mosquito populations, and to provide documentation in support of control programs. Adult mosquito populations are monitored regularly at four trap sites in Weston. The Project continued its participation in a survey with the Harvard School of Public Health to determine the prevalence of deer ticks in the region. This survey has produced evidence that deer ticks have become established within the East Middlesex District.

The larval mosquito control program relies on the biological larvicide, Bti (*Bacillus thuringiensis var. israelensis*). In April a helicopter applied Bti to 234 wetland acres. Field crews using a truck mounted hydraulic sprayer and

portable sprayers applied Bti to 10.3 wetland acres when high densities of mosquito larvae were found breeding in stagnant water.

Adult mosquito control consisted of spraying 1,457 acres at night using truck mounted aerosol sprayers when survey traps indicated high populations of nuisance mosquitoes. The Project uses a formulation of resmethrin to control adult mosquitoes.

The objective of the ditch maintenance program is to remove debris from existing waterways in order to provide a clear channel through wetlands for runoff from storms and melting snow. Project crews removed debris from 1,620 feet of ditch off Ash St. on the south side of the Weston Reservoir. Crews maintained 321 feet of ditch adjacent to Sears Rd. and 160 feet of ditch by Gun Club Lane.

The Project's public education program is designed to develop awareness within the public and the private sectors as to their roles in mosquito control. The Project serves as a resource to residents, schools, municipal officials and the local media on controlling mosquitoes, breeding sites and mosquito borne diseases.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance as of July 1, 1997	\$46.65
Appropriation For Fiscal Year 1998	22,543.00
Expenditures For Fiscal Year 1998:	
Facilities & Administration Charge	4,138.14
Services	
Adult Mosquito Surveillance	774.03
Wetland Surveillance	183.84
Larval Mosquito Control	
Spring Helicopter Bti Application.	4,073.12
Ground Bti Applications	1,972.72
Adult Mosquito Control	1,321.05
Ditch Maintenance	7,204.23
Deer Tick Surveillance	274.12
Total Cost of Services	15,803.11
Total Costs	\$19,941.23
Capital Equipment Users Fee-Credit	102.76
Balance as of 6/30/1998	\$2,751.16

PUBLIC WORKS

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Calendar year 1998 marked the second full year of operations for the Department of Public Works. The department is comprised of three divisions, Highway; Water and Parks, Cemetery, Solid Waste and Recycling.

These three divisions operate under the direction of Richard C. Nota, Director of Operations, with their daily operations managed by Superintendents Paul Scott, Highway Division; Russell Ferrelli, Water Division; and David Johansen, Parks, Cemetery, Solid Waste and Recycling Division.

We have continued to make great strides in streamlining the operations of the department which has resulted in considerable savings in our operations and maintenance budget.

The Public Works management team has developed a long range capital expenditures plan to address areas pertaining to Public Works operations including equipment, infrastructure and building needs. This plan will be useful in programming future expenditures necessary to maintain the Town's investment in roads, water distribution, stormwater systems, parks, cemeteries and solid waste facilities.

This past year we completed many projects including the replacement of water mains on Chestnut Street and Davenport Road as well as modifications to the Transfer Station allowing the drop off of yard waste and brush at the Transfer Station.

We continue to work on numerous projects including the MWRA Water Contingency Plan, EPA Stormwater Management Plan, Roadway Rehabilitation, Water Main Rehabilitation, Cat Rock Tank Rehabilitation, Merriam and Concord Road Sidewalks and numerous smaller projects including the expansion of the parking lot at the Kendal Green Train Station.

The Department of Public Works looks forward to continuing its efforts to provide cost effective quality service to the residents of Weston.

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DIVISION

The year of 1998 was a very productive year for the Highway Division.

Highway Division Crews prepared Town roads for resurfacing; all public roads were swept clean of sand; over seventy five storm drain catch basins were repaired or rebuilt; storm drain pipes were cleaned; potholes, ruts and large cracks in the pavement were ground out and repaved; and brush and roadside vegetation was cut back and removed.

Resurfaced Roads

The following roads were entirely resurfaced:

Arrowhead Road	Cherry Brook Road	Laurel Road
Ash Street	Chestnut Street	Longmeadow Road
Aspen Road	Columbine Road	Merriam Street.
Bakers Hill Road	Dean Road	October Lane
Baldwin Circle	Driftwood Lane	Old Colony Road
Briar Lane	Ferndale Road	Pollywog Lane
Buckskin Drive	Hawthorne Lane	Rockport Road
Bullard Road	Holly Circle	Sears Road
Buttonwood Lane	Hubbard Road	Walker Street
Byron Road	Intervale Road	Warren Ave
Chadwick Road	Juniper Road	Wits End Road

Sections of the following roads were resurfaced:

Conant Road	Glen Road	River Road
Concord Road	Ridgeway Road	Winter Street

This work represented more than \$ 356,000.00 in Chapter 90 funding from the State as well as \$ 175,000.00 of Town funding.

Other projects completed by Highway Division crews during the year were as follows:

- Construction of the wall and banking for the new yard waste drop off area at the Transfer Station;
- Replacement of drainage pipes on sections of Shady Hill Road, Church Street, and Boston Post Road;
- Installation of asphalt berms to control drainage run-off on Ash Street and Warren Ave;
- Installation of Storm water drainage improvements on Chestnut Street;
- Repairs to the Church Street culvert over Cherry Brook.

Highway Division crews also installed and maintained the temporary barriers at the Case Corner intersection as well as the permanent construction of the islands and signage.

New Equipment

The Highway Division purchased a new Heavy Duty multi-purpose dump truck which can plow snow, sand roads and haul or dump materials without the usual seasonal equipment changeover. A new utility body pick-up truck was purchased to replace an older model truck, and a new asphalt pavement roller was acquired to replace our 1959 model.

Miscellaneous

Highway Division personnel performed the following duties during 1998:

- All public streets and sidewalks were swept clean of sand and debris;
- Fences and Guardrails were repaired and painted throughout Town;
- Crosswalks, parking lines, stop bars and drainage markers were painted;
- All catch basins were cleaned and inspected;
- Roadside vegetation was maintained;
- Trash collection was performed weekly;
- Leaves were collected from various roads and sidewalks;
- Assisted other town Departments with various tasks;
- Repaired and maintained DPW trucks and equipment.

REPORT OF THE WATER DIVISION

The Water Division of the Weston DPW had a productive year in 1998. The amount of water purchased from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority and surrounding communities was 545,747,400 gallons, a decrease of 58,035,976 compared to 1997. This decrease is attributed many factors including a wet summer season.

During the year the Water Division accomplished the following:

- Installed 17 new water services, bringing the number of services maintained by the division to 3,410, and proving that Weston is still a growing community.
- Completed small distribution system extensions for new developments on Concord Road, Nottingham Road, Bridle Path, Winter Street, Drumlin Road, Prescott Lane, Lower Field Road and Hitching Post Road .
- Installed a new water main at the Middle School from Wellesley street to the school as part of the school's renovation project.
- Assisted Regis College by allowing the connection of a new water main from Wellesley street onto the college property.

- Worked with the MWRA to install a temporary Ammonia feed facility at the Wellesley Street pump station. The addition of ammonia and Chlorine into the drinking water forms a chloramine which will allow the disinfection power of the chlorine to be carried out further into the distribution system. This facility is scheduled to be in service until 2003, at which time we will begin receiving fully treated water from the MWRA's new Walnut Hill Treatment Plant.
- Located and repaired nine water main breaks during 1998. Five of these breaks occurred during weekend or nights.
- Assisted homeowners in locating and repairing 20 service leaks throughout Weston.
- Added year 11 new fire hydrants to the distribution system, bringing the total number of hydrants to 914.
- Worked with Town Hall staff to establish a new computerized meter reading system. Most the system's "bugs" have been worked out and the system is ready to go on-line in March 1999.

Funds for replacement of the water main on Route 20 from Crescent Street to Summer Street were approved at Town Meeting. As of year end, the Director of Public is in the process of selecting a engineering firm to design this work and construction is expected to begin during the summer of 1999.

Other on-going projects include:

- Continuation of a comprehensive leak detection survey of the underground piping system. The area from Route 20 to Route 30 was surveyed in 1998. Two small service leaks and one main leak were found and immediately repaired. The amount of unaccounted for water in 1998 was 3.40%. Unaccounted for water includes water used for water main flushing, Fire Department use and leaks.
- Annual leak detection as required by our supplier, the MWRA.
- Implementation of a Cross Connection Control Program as required by the Department of Environmental Protection.

The Water Division also assisted and received assistance from the Highway Division, the Parks, Cemetery and Solid Waste Division and Recreation Department at numerous times during the past year.

A brief statistical comparison for 1997 and 1998 follows:

	1997	1998
Miles, water mains, Beginning	100.43	103.58
Miles, added & eliminated (net)	3.15	1.58
Miles of mains, Ending	103.58	105.16
House services, Beginning	3,365	3,393
House services, Added	37	17
House services, Ending	3,393	3,410
Public hydrants, Beginning	869	903
Public hydrants, Added	42	12
Public hydrants, Abandoned	8	1
Public hydrants, Ending	903	914
Water purchased, MWRA(gals)	605,725,200	545,747,400
Water purchased, (other)	1,376,876	3,318,700
Total gallons purchased	607,102,076	549,066,100
Daily average	1,663,293	1,504,300
Weekly average	11,675,039	10,558,970
Monthly average	50,591,839	45,755,500
Greatest pumped in one day	<i>Aug. 1, 1997</i> 4,880,500	<i>July 22, 1998</i> 3,898,600
Greatest pumped in one week	<i>August 1-7</i> 27,303,700	<i>July 15-21</i> 23,026,800
Greatest pumped in one month	<i>July</i> 110,652,900	<i>July</i> 81,681,100

REPORT OF THE PARK, CEMETERY, SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING DIVISION

The Traffic Island Improvement and Beautification Program initiated last year was successful. Many compliments have been received from residents who appreciated the additional floral displays at the traffic islands that are located at the intersection of Boston Post Road, Route 20 and Wellesley Street. From April through October of 1998 there was a beautiful display of colors including blooms from Crocus, Daffodils, Daylilies, Black-Eyed Susans, Sedum and hardy Mums.

This program was continued in 1998 with the addition of two areas: Knox Memorial and South Park.

The Knox Memorial site is a small area located opposite the Fire Station at the intersection of Town House Road and Boston Post Road. We pruned the yews and then removed all of the turf grass and supplemented the remaining soil with compost (a recycled by-product of leaves and pine needles and other organic matter) from Linwood Cemetery. In place of the turf we planted an ornamental grass; Japanese Blood Grass. Also planted are white Crocus, white Orchid Narcissi, several varieties of red Tulips and a Pee Gee Hydrangea. We look forward to this new burst of color in the spring of 1999.

South Park is the area intersecting with Route 30 and Newton Street where there is a "Welcome to Weston" sign. We created a flower bed that meanders along the entire length of the stone wall with a loam and compost mixture. Crocus, daffodils and daylilies were planted in this bed during the fall of 1998. Three 'Snow Queen' Oakleaf Hydrangeas, were planted to the right of the sign. We also removed dead trees, shrubs and litter.

The areas planted in 1997 and 1998 will continue to receive special attention during the spring, summer and fall with weeding and watering as required.

More than 1000 crocus bulbs were planted at the Transfer Station and Town Hall so that these areas will show some early color as well.

Significant improvements were made at the Transfer Station during 1998. We added two compactors to refine our recycling efforts. The Weston Recycling Trust donated the funds to purchase three 45 cubic yard compaction containers, a major contribution for which we are grateful. Our transportation costs have decreased as a result of this additional equipment. The area surrounding the Transfer Station will be cleaner once we have all of the modifications in place. These changes are necessary so that we can recycle a larger variety of goods more efficiently. Thank you for all of your patience during this transition stage.



Preparation and construction of the new yard waste collection area at the Transfer Station was underway during 1998. The Highway Division performed much of the construction work with their skilled crew.

Our annual household hazardous waste collection was a successful event. A total of 324 cars arrived on a sunny Saturday in October. This was 67 more cars than in 1997, yet our expenditure only increased by \$355.00. The average cost per car in 1998 for this collection was \$30.00, compared to \$36.00 per car in 1997.

Weston's monthly recycling rates ranged from 32% to 42% during fiscal year 1998. This represents an increase of 6% over fiscal year 1997. In fiscal year 1998, the average cost to haul and tip recycled product was \$23 per ton, a decrease of \$9 per ton from fiscal year 1997. The average cost to haul and dispose our solid waste was \$99.00 per ton, an increase of \$6 per ton from fiscal year 1997. One thousand four hundred seventy-five (1,475) tons of material was removed from the waste stream by recycling. During fiscal year 1998 recycling generated \$11,138 in revenue and saved a total of \$112,400 in avoided disposal costs. This highlights the fiscal advantage of recycling for the Town. Recycling continues to be a tremendous cost avoidance for the Town with the added potential of some revenue.

If you are not yet recycling at the Transfer Station-- please begin now! Initially concentrate on heavy items such as glass, newspaper, mixed paper, all metals, tin cans, deposit bottles and cans. Donate clothing to Pine Street Inn and Goodwill Industries at the Transfer Station also. Removing these items from the waste stream will result in a continued reduction of expenditures on Solid Waste and Recycling Operations.

Thank you to all individuals and families that continue their enthusiastic recycling. Thanks to your efforts Massachusetts DEP awarded Weston with an "A" grade with their Annual Municipal Recycling Report Card.

Throughout the year assistance was given to and received from the Highway Division, Water Division, Recreation and School Departments. We are grateful for this cooperative effort.

Anyone currently owning cemetery lots that will not be using them should contact the Superintendent at 893-8695 in order to facilitate a refund. Cemetery lots for interment are only available to current residents, Town officials and employees. Former residents may not purchase cemetery lots; so please plan accordingly.

Several school and youth groups received tours of the Transfer Station and Recycling Facility. Interested groups or individuals should call the Superintendent at 893-8695.

The Division's statistics for fiscal year 1998 are as follows:

Solid Waste and Recycling

Revenue

Resident Permit Sales	\$226,322
Commercial Haulers	41,759
Other	2,377
Recycling Proceeds	<u>11,138</u>
Total Solid Waste & Recycling	\$281,596

Processed at the Transfer Station

Total Solid Waste	2,690 Tons
Total Recycled	1,475 Tons
Total Materials	4,165 Tons

Cemetery

Interments:	\$29,050
23 Cremations	
33 Casket	
1 Disinterment	
Sale of Cemetery Lots:	45,730*
Foundations:	5,690
14 Markers	
20 Monuments	
Total Cemetery Revenue:	\$80,470

REPORT OF THE RECYCLING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Recycling Education Committee welcomed Marjorie Harnish as a new member. The committee continued to focus on Weston's public schools, working to facilitate the paper and cardboard recycling program at the High School and urging the Schools' purchasing personnel to compare the cost effectiveness and quality of recycled paper products to virgin paper products before finalizing its once-yearly paper order. The committee was also involved in equipment and signage decisions at the transfer station, and in decisions regarding the application of funds obtained through the redemption of deposit containers.

* Consisting of \$26,100 added to the Sale of Lots Fund, \$19,450 added to the Perpetual Care Trust Fund and \$180 paid to the Town Clerk

CULTURE AND RECREATION



REPORT OF THE WESTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Weston Cultural Council is charged with distributing money allotted to the town by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency supporting the Arts, Humanities, and Sciences. The MCC received \$3.93 million, up from \$3.73 million, from the state legislature for the Local Cultural Council Program. Weston's allocation for the calendar year 1999 was \$3,300, a distribution based on town populations and equalized property values.

Submissions for grant applications were due on October 15, 1998. Grants are made to individuals or groups to support worthy projects which enhance the cultural side of our lives and enhance our appreciation of our cultural environment. Grants are also available to educational institutions (the PASS grant program) for such activities as field trips to concerts, museums, etc.

A public meeting of the Weston Cultural Council was held on November 16, 1998, at which time the submissions were discussed and the grants awarded. The Council received 15 applications with local sponsorship, 13 applications which did not have explicit local support, and three PASS applications. The total amount requested was \$15,551. It was decided to fund 14 of the locally sponsored programs, two PASS grants and two other programs, for a total of \$3,285. An application was considered to be "locally sponsored" if a Weston organization (school, library, Council on Aging, etc.) had agreed to host the program. All of the grants are subject to approval by the MCC and funds are made available to the recipients in the spring. Grant recipients are required to publicize their events, which are generally open to the public, and interested residents are urged to take advantage of these cultural opportunities in our town.

The following is a brief listing of the grants approved at the local level this fall which are awaiting state approval:

- Archeology Exhibit Signage at the Golden Ball Tavern Museum – April;
- Talks on the Life of Children in Costa Rica by Christina Harding in Weston Elementary Schools– January, 2000;
- High School Chorus Festival – February 11;
- Accompanist for Weston Community Chorus – May 9 and 18;
- Portrayal of Abraham Lincoln at Gifford School – February 4;
- CelloBop concert at Gifford School – March 11;
- Mime Mallory Bagwell at Gifford School – May 6;
- Seminar on Contemporary Music for the Young, Rivers School – March 27-8;
- Discovering the Charles River with Mike Tougias – Weston High School - March 4;
- Singer John Root at the Council on Aging – April 28;
- Soprano Ruth Harcovitz at the Council on Aging – December, 1999;
- Storyteller John Porcino at the Weston Public Library – Spring, 1999;
- Storyteller Alicia Quintano at the Weston Public Library – Summer, 1999;
- School Performing Artist Directory on the Internet;
- Art in the Park Festival and Art Sale at the DeCordova Museum – June 13;
- PASS Grants to *Hip Hop Boston* for Weston Middle and High School students.

The Weston Cultural Council is composed of up to ten residents who have been appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Tenure is limited by statute to two three-year terms. Members are appointed when a vacancy occurs, so interested residents are invited to contact the selectmen about future openings. Further information and a more detailed list of funded programs is available at the Town Hall and on the Weston web site: www.weston.org.

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

In 1998, the Historical Commission continued its efforts to recognize and document town buildings and other features of historical significance, and to educate the public as to their importance. Last spring, the Commission co-sponsored with Land's Sake a lecture by historian and town resident Brian Donahue, who spoke on the factors contributing to the origins and development of the town. The Commission also sponsored an interactive discussion by consultant Philip Herr on the factors contributing to town character. Last fall, historian and resident Pam Fox began the fourth in her ongoing series of lectures on Weston's architectural and social history, co-sponsored by the Commission, the Golden Ball Tavern Museum, and the Weston Historical Society. Once again, attendance was excellent at all of the lectures, which were held at the Town Library and at the First Parish Church.

An update of the inventory records associated with the Boston Post Road National and State Register Historic District that began in 1995 has continued beyond the westerly end of the Post Road bypass. The Commission has also begun work on preparing a National and State Register nomination for the historically important North Avenue neighborhood. Last summer, the Commission joined residents and other town boards in opposing a proposed replacement of the Merrriam Street bridge by the Massachusetts Highway Department.

The Commission, Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Selectmen, working cooperatively, completed a preservation deed restriction for the historic Whittemore House at 153 Church Street. In addition, the Commission and Planning Board produced a preservation deed restriction for the adjacent 1841 Coburn House at 171 Church Street. It is gratifying to note that preservation of the third parcel of this vital area, the red Coburn Barn across Church Street, has apparently been assured by the purchaser of the property. The Commission also agreed to administer a preservation deed restriction on the mill pond and dam at 39 Crescent Street, a property located within the Crescent Street Local Historic District.

Acting as consultant to the Commission, and using funds donated by the Weston Garden Clubs, local landscape historian Nancy Fleming completed the first phase of her work, in cooperation with the Parks and Recreation Commission, to inventory and evaluate the condition of the town's historic landscape features and to implement a program of improvements in selected areas. We hope that her very valuable efforts will continue.

The Commission began its historic marker program in 1998 and to date has approved markers on over 35 buildings in town. The Commission is grateful to the efforts of consulting historian Pam Fox in researching these properties. In

accordance with the mandate of the May Town Meeting, the Commission also began reviewing demolition applications for older buildings, three of which were evaluated in 1998.

Other Commission activities included monitoring of construction progress at 316 Wellesley Street, work with the Planning Board on possible modifications of the Zoning Bylaw encouraging preservation, and continuing participation in the efforts of the Weston Lyceum. As always, the Commission welcomes the comments, suggestions and observations of town residents concerning issues of historical interest; our e-mail address remains apayd@aol.com.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

In 1998, a total of 210,456 people visited the library. Per capita, this represents 19 visits per year, or 1.6 visits per month for every Weston resident. As might be expected, weekday visitors account for 69% of the total attendance; 14% are visits after 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Weekends bring slightly fewer people to the library, 11% of the total attendance are on Saturdays, and 6% on Sundays. Two significant increases were noted in the pattern of attendance; there was a 19% increase in Sunday visits from 1996 to 1998, and a 17% increase in attendance on Saturdays from 1996 to 1998.

Book Discussion Group

The monthly Library Book Group for adults has been an enjoyable and educational program for more than 20 years. There were nine meetings in 1998 with an average attendance of 26 people per meeting, totaling 234 per year. A loyal and enthusiastic core group of book club members has sustained the interest and attractiveness of the book discussion program. Donna Davies, Adult Services Librarian, is the group facilitator, and members share the job of leading each month's discussion.

Military History Group

The Library joins the Weston Military History Group in continuing to present a monthly series of lectures on various military themes. This program has become hugely successful and draws capacity crowds to the Library Community Room. Attendance for 1998 exceeded 1,300 participants.

Art and Exhibitions Committee

The Art and Exhibitions Committee pursues and organizes art exhibits in the library's gallery and community room. Exhibits this year included paintings by Holly Brooks, Edward Movitz, Michelle Danglo, Arthur Moniz, Electra and Andrew Reynolds, Barbara Regan, Cheryl Griffiths, Mary Jo Rines, Priscilla Donaldson and Edgar Grabhorn. Also displayed were sculpture by Michael

Brotman, photography by Harvey Cote and ceramics by Mary King, her family and students.

Art by Weston's elementary and middle school students is exhibited in the children's area. Three exhibits were shown as well as an "insect" quilt designed and sown by Kate Brewer's third grade class. Nancy French and her students displayed watercolors of the Rosamund Freemann door at the old library.

Library Volunteers

A loyal and hardworking core of library volunteers helps out in all areas of the library. In Youth Services, student Nicky Benson completed her third year of volunteer work, and Karen Sedat's Pop-up Book Workshop had its thirteenth session. In Technical Services, volunteer Judith Kaplan provides a much-needed service diligently mending library books. In Adult Services, Betty Rafuse, Milton Landowne, Mary Parker, Ed McKearney, Ann Charlesworth, and Nancy Pollack spend time keeping materials in good order in the stacks.

Circulation Highlights

Library circulation statistics show a dramatic increase in the usage of non-print materials. Circulation of juvenile CD Roms was up 138% from 1997-98. Between 1996 and 1998, juvenile music CD's circulated 124% more, adult and young adult music CD's were borrowed 54% more, circulation of feature film videos for adults increased 48%, and circulation of juvenile fiction videos increased 24%. Usage of Museum passes, including The Children's Museum, the Science Museum, The Museum of Fine Arts, the Isabella Stuart Gardner Museum, Drumlin Farm, the Decordova, the Acton Discovery Museum, the Garden in the Woods, and the Peabody Museum has increased 43% in the past two years. The four PC's in the Computer Room had a total of 3,284 recorded uses in 1998, which averages nine computer uses per day. The overall circulation total for all non-print materials is up 34% from 1996-98, and the grand total of all materials borrowed was up 12% in the same time period.

Youth Services

Youth Services staff answered a total of 8,334 Reference questions in 1998, which is approximately the same as in 1997, but is up 42% from 1995. We offered 216 programs for preschool and elementary-age children, and 3,247 children attended those programs. In the craft room, 1,995 children made crafts during school vacations.

There has been a definite change in our pattern of use. We are seeing many more families and playgroups come in. Usually morning visitors, these groups consist of one or two adults and several children, usually toddlers, who play, meet friends, read stories here, and leave, without ever borrowing materials (although they will sometimes ask Reference questions). After school usage has also increased; we seem to be helping more with homework and worksheets, teaching Internet skills and supervising many more children.

Programming has continued to be a major draw to the library for families. Preschool programs are offered approximately every eight weeks; each consisting of six weeks of theme-related sessions. We tried a new approach in the spring to programming: one-session Story Hours. Although these programs were offered in response to a survey conducted in late 1997, response was not as enthusiastic as anticipated. We had slightly fewer programs this year; with most of the decline during the summer, when we offered slightly fewer programs due to a change in staffing. Since attendance this summer was down, the programs we did offer were often sparsely attended. The good news is that, on average, children's attendance per program has increased. Youth Services Librarian Kelly Wood and Children's Librarians Karen Baldwin and Kim Viglas rotated the various preschool programs.

The after school programs for elementary students have continued to flourish. Book Clubs, which are still offered three times a week with Librarian Kelly Wood, and the Pop-up Book Workshop with Karen Sedat have proven to be very popular once again. Our "Once Upon a Time" programs, sponsored by the WCCA Library fund have been fun for all ages -- we have had everything from animal programs to holiday concerts to visiting museums and storytellers.

The Summer Reading Program had another successful summer, with 441 children signing up for the preschool and elementary programs and 198 completing the requirements for a Summer Reading certificate and book award. The children read 6,152 books. An alternative for older readers was keeping track of time. Those children read for 807.25 hours. It was a very successful summer.

Young Adult Services

A Young Adult survey was distributed to all students enrolled in Weston Public Schools in grades five to eight. The aim of the survey was to encourage young people to think of the library as a local resource serving their particular needs and interests by asking for their input, and to assist the librarian in the development of the Young Adult collection. Of the 635 students in this population, 292 completed the survey.

Activities for the Young Adult summer program got underway in mid-June with the "School's Out!" Party for 5th - 7th graders. Over the summer months, 40 children signed up for the program, and 24 were active participants by reading, answering trivia questions, volunteering at the library, and attending programs. 1,447 hours were spent reading, 250 trivia questions were requested, 100 were answered correctly, 48 hours were volunteered at the library, and 40 children attended programs, which included a Mystery Games Night, a Cartooning Workshop, and the YA Auction.

Seventeen young adults attended the YA Halloween program in October. YA Librarian Tatanya Flannery, with the assistance of Library Assistant Mandi Carter set up a night of costumes, board games, ghost stories and storytelling. It

was a magical evening, and we look forward to many more such events in the future.

Electronic Services

The second year of operation of the Computer Room saw a 50% increase in usage over 1997. Patrons using this room have access to the Minuteman Network Library Catalog, a growing selection of databases, Internet via Netscape, word processing and spreadsheet software. The Room was used 4,090 times in 1998, an average of 340 usages per month. There is often a waiting line to use the four workstations, especially on weekends and evenings. We hope to add two more computers this year.

The Reference Staff holds classes on a regular basis, instructing attendees how to use the Minuteman Catalog, and on the use of the Internet. These classes run throughout the year.

Reference Services

The Reference department provided interlibrary loan services to the community at large, as well as the Weston public school system. Access to Electronic databases is constantly expanding, allowing the library to make more information available to the public than ever before.

Technical Services

The Technical Services department has processed an average of 500 items per month in the 1998 calendar year. This includes books, audiobooks, compact discs, CD-ROMS, and videos for the Adult, Reference, and Youth Services departments. In addition original cataloguing work forms have been sent to MLN Central Site for title records to be created for Local History materials. The Technical Services staff has done their best getting materials processed in a timely manner, so patrons will find them on-line as well as on our shelves.

Trustee and Staff Changes

In 1998, the Board of Library Trustees bid farewell to long time trustees Doris Sullivan and Dottie Robbins who decided not to run for re-election. We welcomed newly elected trustees Karen Benjamin and Meredith Stevens as well as Pam Wood, who was appointed trustee to fill the position vacated by Kate Greswold. Sunny Vandermark, director for the past four years, submitted her resignation in January. Elizabeth Drake, part time reference librarian, was appointed interim director in February. The Trustees conducted a thorough search for a new library director, which culminated in the appointment of Elizabeth Drake who began her new duties in June. This year, the Reference Department welcomed back Madeline Mullin. In addition, we are pleased to have Florence McManus and Evan Wilson as new staff members and Ines Beragamo and Kathryn Olsen as new pages. Moving on to other endeavors were Loretta Akers, Barbara Andrews, Alexandra DeBassio, Stephan McManus and David Sechovicz.

Friends of the Library

The Friends support and enhance the role of the library as a cultural center in Weston. They provide a variety of programs in the library, and day trips to literary and art centers in the surrounding areas. Twice a year members receive a newsletter inviting them to library activities.

Proceeds from the annual Book Sale, the extended trips, membership dues and contributions provide for the support of Youth and Adult Services programs and materials. They also provide family passes to many local museums and sanctuaries.

During 1998, the Friends' activities included the eighth annual Appreciation Luncheon for the library staff, the Annual Meeting in June and the Annual Luncheon in November, with speaker Virginia Tashjian, who reviewed books for winter reading. Other speakers and programs this year included Pat Richard's writing seminar, Jan Turnquist's Harriet Beecher Stowe impersonation, and two visits from Ingrid Graf, the first to speak about *Regeneration* and World War I and the second to speak on Virginia Woolf. A visit to Mark Twain's and Harriet Beecher Stowe's houses in Hartford, a trip to Salem, MA and a summer trip to Tanglewood were the three day trips. In addition, the Friends organized a trip to Wales and London in the fall. The annual Book Sale held in November was the most successful yet! We welcome all Weston residents to join us and participate in the many activities the library offers.

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

This past year, the primary focus of the Recreation Commission was making progress on the construction of a multi-generational community center that would provide space for the Recreation Department's offices, a number of the programs that we run, and space for the Council on Aging's programs and personnel. As the structure evolved, a significant amount of time and energy was devoted to building committee meetings as plans and funding for the project were continually discussed. By year's end, a beautiful, functional building had been designed and carefully calculated plans for fund raising had been established.

The Recreation Department once again provided the town with a wide variety of programs for participants of all ages. Each year, the number of town residents taking advantage of the exceptional recreational and educational opportunities that we provide continues to grow. This past year, during the winter, fall and spring seasons, the department offered 475 different programs in which 7,000 individuals participated.



As usual, summer was a particularly busy time for the department. The Memorial Pool had 29,000 visitors and our summer camps' enrollment was greater than ever with over 2,400 campers from ages 4-13 participating in our programs. Camp ABC, Camp Adventure, Camp Discovery and our Sports, Sports and More Sports programs were all well attended. We supplemented these offerings with specialty "Bookend" camps (Sports, Tennis and Art) that filled in the weeks between the end of the school year and the beginning of the camp programs, and the official end of the camp programs and the beginning of the upcoming school year. Field trips and special events included a tour of Fenway Park, a whale watch, and baseball, basketball, and soccer clinics that were run by the High School's varsity coaches and players.

Capital projects that were completed included repainting of the town pool, the installation of new soccer fields (and irrigation systems) at Brook School and the Mini Field beside Country School, and the renovation and resurfacing of the basketball court at Czarnowski Field on Brook Road.

Once again, Doug MacDougall and his entire staff did yeoman work in seeing to all the needs of anyone in town who had a requirement that involved either the town's recreation facilities or its equipment. With their friendly personalities and tireless efforts on our behalf, they are an invaluable asset to the town.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



Soil Testing in a student production of A Civil Action

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

School Committee

The Weston School Committee has direct accountability for the oversight and policy of the schools. It is comprised of five residents who are elected by the town to staggered three-year terms. Among its major responsibilities are budget, policy, facilities and hiring of the Superintendent. The School Committee generally meets twice per month with dates and times posted at the Town Hall, Weston Public Library and at the High School. In addition, the School Committee has initiated two (or more if necessary) topic related forums outside of the normal business meetings where residents may provide input to the School Committee in a less formal and more relaxed atmosphere. All meetings are open to the public and include an open forum for residents during which citizens are invited to voice ideas, opinions and concerns.

Superintendent

On April 16, 1998, the School Committee voted to elect Dr. Alan Oliff as the new Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Oliff joins Weston from Wayland where he had been an administrator for ten years and assistant superintendent for five years. Prior to that, Dr. Oliff held a variety of special education positions with the Arlington Public Schools. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Dr. Oliff earned a master's in special education and a doctoral degree in educational administration from Boston University. He began work in July and was introduced to the community through a series of receptions where he gathered much information from residents about their hopes and concerns for the future of Weston's schools. The



Dr. Alan Oliff, new Superintendent of Schools

school community welcomes Dr. Oliff with confidence in his abilities to lead the Weston Public Schools into the new millennium. The school community recognizes and greatly appreciates the many contributions of Dr. John Stayn who

served as interim superintendent for the year following the resignation of Dr. Meredith Jones. His extensive knowledge and tireless efforts have helped to maintain the high quality of education the citizens have come to expect and insured a smooth transition for the new superintendent.

One of the first tasks accomplished by the new superintendent was the establishment of an entry plan and short term goals for his first year. They are:

Curriculum/Program Development - To ensure that the academic, social, and emotional needs of all students are met through the regular articulation, implementation, evaluation, and revision of curriculum and program offerings system-wide:

- ◇ Develop a concise description of the current K - 12 curriculum,
- ◇ Develop a comprehensive curriculum/program review process,
- ◇ Support, evaluate, and provide communication about the High School block scheduling initiative with progress reports to the School Committee, and
- ◇ Complete a review of the Middle School schedule.

Personnel Operations - To ensure the highest quality of personnel performance to implement the curriculum and program offerings of the district:

- ◇ Further develop a new faculty orientation program and develop a mentor teacher program,
- ◇ Increase the diversity of staff through an active process of recruitment, selection, and support, and
- ◇ Complete a thorough review of personnel practices including recommendations for improving the overall personnel system.

Facilities Management/Student Safety - To ensure that the physical facilities are appropriate for supporting the curriculum and programs of the district and that school environments are safe and healthy places for all students:

- ◇ Report to the school committee on recommendations for elementary school facilities, and
- ◇ Develop a crisis management plan for the system and for each school building.

Enrollment

Enrollment for the 1998-1999 school year as of October 1, 1998, was 2062 students. This represents an increase of 91 students over the previous school year--27 in grades K - 5 and 54 in grades 6-12. Additional staff has been added to accommodate this increase, most notably at the seventh grade. Enrollment is projected to increase for the next several years and will continue to have an impact on staffing and on the budget.

Standardized Tests and College Placement

Once again, Weston students have performed admirably on standardized tests. Average scores for the SAT I were 576 on the verbal section and 613 on the mathematics section with 99% of the class taking the examination. These scores compare with national averages of 505 and 512 in the verbal and mathematics sections, respectively. Ninety-seven percent of the class of 1998 is continuing their education with 95% attending four-year colleges. This was a particularly strong graduating class with 64% of the students admitted to the top 9.5% of colleges and universities as rated in *Barron's Profiles of American Colleges* Selectivity Index.

Weston students scored well on all other standardized tests administered during 1998. This was the first year that the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests were given statewide. The MCAS tests were designed to evaluate students' knowledge of specific subjects at the fourth, eighth and tenth grade levels relative to curriculum frameworks established by the State Department of Education. Although Weston students scored well on these tests compared to other communities in Massachusetts, the data generated from the results of these tests will be used to strengthen and expand the curriculum.

Bricks and Mortar



Construction at the Middle School

The renovations to the High School were essentially completed during 1998 and the newly refurbished building was dedicated on October 7 with a brief ceremony in the auditorium. The tireless efforts of the High School Building Committee and particularly of its chair, Peter Berg, have been rewarded with a building updated for the next generation of students and community members. It is fair to say that even Town Meeting is a more pleasant experience with climate control, updated lighting and other technological advances.

Also during 1998, ground was broken for the renovation of the Middle School. Due to a very strong construction environment and the great number of school renovation projects in process in Massachusetts, initial project bids were all above the \$10.8 million originally authorized by Town Meeting in 1997. Consequently, an additional \$3.5 million was requested and approved at Town Meeting in 1998 and the project was begun in August a few months later than had been anticipated. Completion is expected in October 1999, on schedule.

The Elementary Schools Facilities Study Committee chaired by John Wilson, continued to meet during 1998. An architect was selected to assist the committee in developing design options for the renovations of the aging Country and Woodland Schools. The need to refurbish these buildings is clear but the extent of renovations and the timing of such projects continues to be evaluated with a sensitivity to the large number of capital expenditures facing the town in the near future.

Another issue of note relative to school facilities was the School Committee's decision to transfer land to the Recreation Department for the construction of a Community Center to house both the Recreation Department and the Council on Aging. The new Community Center will be located next to Case House on the site where a school maintenance shed currently stands.

Curriculum and Other Initiatives

Several new program and curriculum initiatives were implemented in 1998. At the elementary school level the reading program review was completed and a new integrated language arts curriculum was adopted and instituted for grades K - 5. Also at the elementary school level, the first phase of implementation of a new science program was completed, Spanish language instruction was begun at the first, second and third grade levels, and each of the eight, third grade classrooms was outfitted with four computers and a printer.

To accommodate the additional number of hours (990) required by the State Education Reform Act, a new long-block schedule was instituted at the High School in the fall of 1998. Major subjects are now taught on a four-day cycle consisting of two long blocks (83 minutes) and one short block (41 minutes). This initiative involved a full year of training for all teachers. The program will continue to be evaluated and amended as necessary during 1999 and 2000.

A *Youth Risk Behavior Survey* was administered to all High School students to evaluate students' health needs and to provide information for the development of a comprehensive health curriculum.

Also of note: In the March 30 edition of *Newsweek* which surveyed high school Advanced Placement programs, Weston High School was ranked thirty-first. It was the only school in New England ranked in the top one hundred schools in the nation.

Special Education

For the 1997-1998 school year, 243 students received special education services. Students on Individual Educational Plans (IEP) are eligible to receive, on an as-needed basis, special tutors, Learning Center teacher help, and occupational and/or physical therapy. In addition the school budget supported 31 students whose IEPs required outside placements because their needs could not be met within the school system. These services are mandated under Chapter 766 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

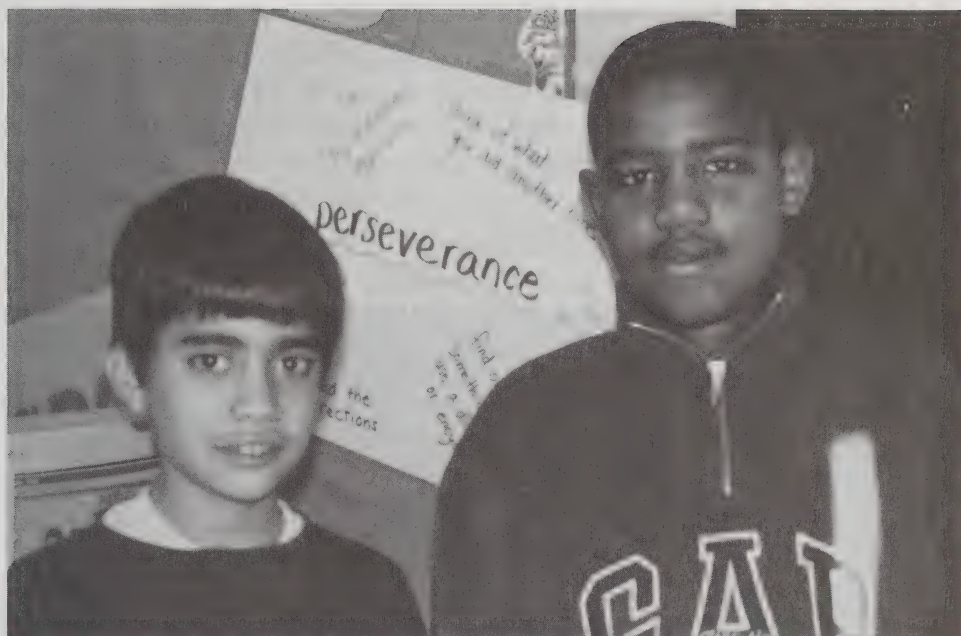
In 1998 the School Committee voted to establish of an integrated preschool for both normally developing and special needs children. Weston has experienced a significant increase in the number of special needs preschool children and in the severity of their disabilities. Excluding start-up costs, the new preschool is expected to break even compared to current special education expenditures for the same number of preschool students.

School Budget

The School Committee's 1998-1999 budget was \$17.46 million, a 7.7% increase over the previous year. The schools also received grants from the State and Federal governments for a variety of programs. State education aid totaled approximately \$1.2 million in FY98 and went directly to the General Fund of the Town, rather than appearing as offsets to the school budget.

Collective Bargaining

The School Committee conducts negotiations with six bargaining units within the school system. The largest contract with the greatest budgetary impact is with the Weston Education Association (WEA) which represents teachers. During 1998, a new three-year contract was negotiated and ratified. The major effect of this contract was a salary increase of 2.5% for 1998-99, 3.5 % for 1999-2000 and 3.5% for 2000-2001. During 1999, contracts with bus drivers, lunch personnel and buildings and grounds personnel will be negotiated.



METCO

For over thirty years, the METCO program has served to diversify our student body and community with Boston minority students. The program continues to provide an educational opportunity for both Weston and Boston students and to lessen racial isolation for all students. Among the many activities of the METCO program which enriched our community during 1998 are: Family Friends activities such as "Dessert and Discussions," fall picnic, newsletters, lunch groups and homework clubs for students, staff development and training, Diversity Awareness forums and tutoring. METCO activities are advertised in *Westword* and *the Weston Town Crier* and are open to any member of the community.

Volunteer Organizations

In addition to tax money, the schools benefit from a wide variety of private financial and volunteer support. The Weston Education Enrichment Fund Committee, in its thirteenth year raised a record \$124,431 which funded 140 projects, programs and professional development which cannot be funded within the school budget. This support provides a special dimension to the education of Weston students which would otherwise be unavailable.

The Weston Boosters also raised impressive amounts of money and support for Weston's athletic and other co-curricular programs. The remarkable success

of our athletic teams is due in part to the Boosters' contributions to purchase such items as scoreboards, uniforms and special programs to name a few.

Throughout the system, the schools benefit greatly from the large numbers of able volunteers who spend time in the classrooms, plan and carry out special events, serve on committees and on School Councils. The Weston Parent Teacher Organization provides an important link between the schools and the parents. The PTO provides communications support through its many meetings, school directory, telephone chains, forums, back-to school nights and many special events for students and teachers.



A sixth grade art project decorates the High School windows

Notable Events of 1998

Retirements

1998 marked the retirement of the following long term, valued members of the school community whose contributions have enhanced and supported the education of our students:

- Harriet Lane, most recently Elementary Library Secretary, employed in Weston since 1959;
- Hugh Chandler, Head of the Guidance Department, employed in Weston since 1965;

- Ronald Mori, Director of Music, employed in Weston since 1970;
- Daniel Hamar, Social Studies Teacher in Weston since 1971;
- Louis Pedone, Custodian in Weston since 1972;
- Nicole Engborg, French Teacher in Weston since 1972;
- Lucy Noymer, School Psychologist in Weston since 1975; and
- Carolyn Thomas, Special Education Teacher in Weston since 1979.

Community Service Projects

Every school has participated in many community service projects during 1998. A small sampling of the scope of these activities is as follows:

- All schools participated in Operation Overcoat - warm clothing was collected and donated to Headstart in Waltham and the Salvation Army in Framingham.
- Country and Woodland Schools collected candy, warm socks and food during the year which were distributed to a variety of shelters and other programs for needy youth. In addition, pet food and supplies were collected and given to the Buddy Dog animal shelter in Wayland.
- Field School contributed books and money to the Kasissi Primary School in Western Uganda. Their efforts raised enough money to build a new classroom. Determined that they would not to be outdone *by their* juniors, the 6th grade at the Middle School donated money to build a second classroom.
- Middle School Red House students collected funds for the "home for the homeless" in Waltham and eighth grade students continued to donate money to Children's Hospital for children with AIDS.
- Community Service projects abound at the High School where over 55 students participated in *City Year* activities and the partnership with the Jackson Mann School in Boston was continued. Certificates for 20 or more hours of community service were awarded to 168 students.

Other Events

- A new "pep" band was created by Christopher Memoli, the new Music Director, to provide spirit at selected sporting events.
- Weston Middle School students competed in a Robotics Program which involved the construction of computer driven Legotechnic vehicles. Our students took awards for second place, best programmed vehicles and best designed vehicles.

Recognition and Awards

Many students and staff were recognized in 1998 for excellence in a wide variety of activities and endeavors. Some of them were:

Administration

- Hugh Chandler received the Harry R. Carroll Distinguished Service Award from the New England Association for College Admission Counseling which is presented to an individual whose outstanding contributions and achievement deserve special recognition.

Art

- Eleven Middle and High School students received awards in The Boston Globe Annual Scholastic Art Awards. Among them was one 8th grade student whose award winning piece was selected to be shown in the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D. C.

Drama

- The Weston High School Theater production of *Six Characters in Search of an Author* won third place in the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival .
- Seventeen Weston High School students were designated as Massachusetts High School Drama Guild All-Stars.
- The Middle School delighted the community with its production of *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Mathematics

- The Weston High School Math team won the State championship for small schools and the New England championship for small schools for the first time in 20 years. This is particularly impressive in that the contestants represented all math leagues in the state including private schools.
- Weston students placed first in New England in the Pythagorean Division of the Continental Math League Competition at the 6th grade level and two students finished first in the nation with perfect scores for the year.

Music

- Sixteen students were selected to participate in the 1998 Senior District Music Festival. Of these, six were accepted for the All-State Music Festival. One student was recommended for the All Eastern Music Festival.
- Five students were accepted for the 1998 Junior District Festival.

Sports

It was an outstanding year for Weston High School athletic with perhaps the finest collective record ever:

- Weston High School earned the 1998 Division 4 Dalton Award, given by The Boston Globe for superior varsity and tournament performance. This is the fifth time Weston has received the award since 1990.
- The boys' varsity basketball team won the Dual County League, Division III North Sectional, and Division III State Championship titles.
- The girls' indoor track team won the DCL Championship and State Coaches Association Class "D" Relay titles.
- The wrestling team had a 15 - 0 record and won the North Division III Sectional championship and the state championship meet. Four individual wrestlers were named state champions in their class.
- Coach Dave Baldanza was named Division III Wrestling Coach of the year.
- The girls' swim team won their first ever DCL championship and the North Sectional team championship.
- The boys' swim team finished third in the DCL. One diver captured his second consecutive league championship and the state diving championship. He was named an All American.
- The girls' lacrosse team won the DCL Championship and placed second in the state tournament. Two girls were named All Americans.
- The girls' spring track team won the DCL Championship.
- The boys' lacrosse team qualified for the tournament in their first varsity season.
- The girls' field hockey team won the DCL Championship and the Division I North Championship.
- The girls' soccer team won the Division III North Sectional and state championships.
- The boys' football team won the Division 6 Superbowl for the second time in the past three years.
- The boys' soccer team made the state tournament for the first time since 1986. The team was seeded 18th and finished in second place.
- The boys' golf team played in their first post-season tournament.

World Language Exchange

- The Weston Rombas Affiliation continued its year-long exchanges with high school students from France and Brazil.
- Twenty-four 8th grade French students spent a long weekend with families in Quebec.
- Twenty 8th grade Spanish students spent a week in Costa Rica during Spring vacation.
- A trip to Paris by twenty-three French students is planned for March, 1999.

Conclusion

The Weston schools continued to provide an environment for high quality education and our students' many achievements demonstrate that they have benefited from the community's commitment to their education. Increasing enrollments, state mandates and other rising expenses present many challenges for the future. The School Committee is committed to continue to provide excellence in all areas of education.



PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS*

	Oct. 1 <u>1991</u>	Oct. 1 <u>1992</u>	Oct. 1 <u>1993</u>	Oct. 1 <u>1994</u>	Oct. 1 <u>1995</u>	Oct. 1 <u>1996</u>	Oct. 1 <u>1997</u>	Oct. 1 <u>1998</u>
Kdg	157	157	147	156	156	159	167	168
Grade 1	112	177	167	159	166	160	166	176
Grade 2	123	115	176	166	159	173	177	181
Grade 3	126	126	124	178	169	165	188	184
Grade 4	143	131	123	125	184	174	180	190
Grade 5	119	143	130	126	128	185	178	184
Grade 6	112	127	140	136	130	130	185	179
Grade 7	112	105	133	152	141	130	137	185
Grade 8	114	114	104	131	151	140	133	140
Grade 9	128	112	106	104	125	136	117	113
Grade 10	108	121	105	103	94	120	139	116
Grade 11	104	105	117	113	105	97	111	136
Grade 12	<u>116</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>110</u>
TOTAL	1574	1632	1676	1769	1817	1867	1971	2062

*These enrollments include nonresident as well as resident pupils registered in the schools.

PRIVATE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

	1991- <u>1992</u>	1992- <u>1993</u>	1993- <u>1994</u>	1994- <u>1995</u>	1995- <u>1996</u>	1996- <u>1997</u>	1997- <u>1998</u>
Residents in Private School	226	249	269	272	278	315	324
% of Residents in Private School	14.1	14.7	15.3	14.6	14.5	15.8	15.3

**Source: annual January 1 census conducted by the Town.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PUPILS PER CLASS - Grades K-8

Grade	Standards			Actual				
	<u>Min</u>	<u>Des</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>1994-95</u>	<u>1995-96</u>	<u>1996-97</u>	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>1998-99</u>
K	17	20	23	19.5	19.5	19.9	20.9	21.0
1	17	20	23	19.9	20.8	20.0	20.8	22.0
2	18	21	24	20.8	19.9	21.6	22.1	22.6
3	19	22	25	22.3	21.1	20.6	23.5	23.0
4	20	23	26	20.8	23.0	21.8	22.5	21.1
5	20	23	26	21.0	21.3	23.1	22.3	23.0
6	21	24	27	22.7	21.7	21.7	23.1	22.4
7	20	23	26	21.7	20.1	21.7	22.8	20.6
8	21	24	27	21.8	21.6	20.0	22.2	23.3

DISTRIBUTION OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF BY SCHOOL LEVEL -1998--1999

	<u>High School</u> (Grades 9-12)	<u>Middle School</u> (Grades 6-8)	<u>Elementary</u> <u>Schools</u> (Grades K-5)
Administration	1.8	2.55	3.0
Art	3.1	1.6	2.15
Business	0.8	0.45	--
Electives	0.6	0.6	--
English, Drama, & Dance	7.6	9.15	--
World Language	5.85	3.75	2.05
Grades K-5	--	--	47.8
Guidance	3.3	2.4	3.0
Home Economics	1.0	--	--
Industrial Arts	.5	1.0	--
Math & Computers	8.6	6.55	1.3
Media Services	1.0	0.6	1.0
Music	1.35	1.15	2.7
Phys Ed. & Athletics	2.75	2.95	3.6
Reading Specialist	--	--	1.0
Science	6.05	4.8	1.0
Social Studies	5.6	4.75	--
Special Education	1.2	2.1	6.2
Student Activities	0.75	--	--
TOTAL SCHOOLS	51.85	44.40	74.80

In addition, there are 8.55 positions serving all schools and 4.2 positions funded by State or Federal grants, for a total professional staff of 183.7, or 13.15 more than in 1997-1998.

RECORD OF POST SECONDARY EDUCATION PLACEMENT

Class	Number of Graduates	% to 4 Year Colleges	% to Other Education	% of Total Continuing
1987	176	84	8	92
1988	150	89	6	95
1989	141	87	7	94
1990	105	92	7	99
1991	109	86	9	96
1992	116	94	3	97
1993	99	92	5	97
1994	98	88	7	95
1995	121	87	10	97
1996	110	86	10	96
1997	100	86	7	96
1998	92	95	2	97
10 Yr. Avg.	109	89	7	96

PROFESSIONAL STAFF STATISTICS - 1997-1998

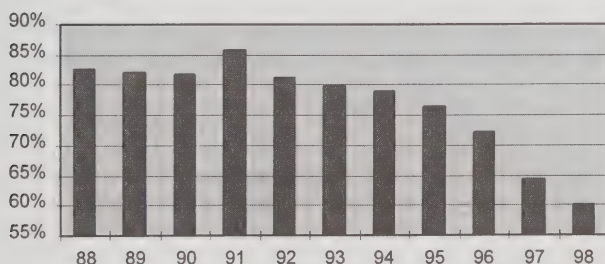
Educational services are provided to Weston students by 202 full and part time professionals -- teachers, counselors, specialists, and administrators. Each one is a unique person with special talents and knowledge. The data below is an attempt to present a statistical picture of the Weston staff.

1. Education: Weston teachers are well educated: 83% have earned master's and doctoral degrees, and 39.7% have studied at least one year beyond the master's degree (master's + 30 credits). Thirty-six teachers and principals earned 206 graduate course credits last year, of which 105 were reimbursed by Weston at a cost of \$18,478.

2. Experience: Approximately 60% of Weston teachers have twelve or more years of experience. Of the 32 new teachers hired this year 12 were hired at Step 1.

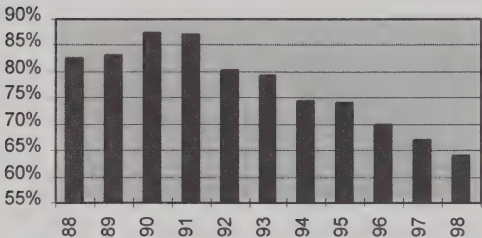
Teachers at Top Step

Fall 1989	82.0%	Fall 1994	79.1%
Fall 1990	81.8%	Fall 1995	76.5%
Fall 1991	85.9%	Fall 1996	72.3%
Fall 1992	81.2%	Fall 1997	67.0%
Fall 1993	79.7%	Fall 1998	60.0%



3. Professional Teacher Status: The percentage of staff with "professional teacher status" has been on a downward trend since 1992. This year 33 new professional staff were added and 20 departed (2 were due to leaves of absence). Sixteen teachers gained professional teacher status at the start of the school year.

Staff with Professional Teacher Status			
Fall 1989	83.2%	Fall 1994	74.5%
Fall 1990	87.5%	Fall 1995	74.1%
Fall 1991	87.1%	Fall 1996	70.0%
Fall 1992	80.4%	Fall 1997	64.2%
Fall 1993	79.4%	Fall 1998	64.2%



4. Turnover: At the close of the 1997-98 school year 10.8% of the teachers and principals left the Weston Public Schools. Of these 90% left voluntarily.

Staff Turnover:		
	<u>Left</u>	<u>Left</u>
		<u>Voluntarily</u>
1992-93	5.6%	75.9%
1993-94	7.1%	81.8%
1994-95	11.1%	77.8%
1995-96	7.6%	92.3%
1996-97	13.7%	83.3%
1997-98	10.8%	90.0%

CENSUS OF RESIDENTS AGE 0 - 5

As of January 1

BIRTH YEAR	CENSUS YEAR, JANUARY OF									
	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
1984	104									
1985	107	108								
1986	102	102	112							
1987	120	130	144	146						
1988	88	97	108	121	138					
1989		83	105	106	112	132				
1990			124	138	146	157	164			
1991				100	107	113	118	129		
1992					99	121	140	150	169	
1993						105	124	128	134	160
1994							106	120	127	135
1995								134	137	144
1996									103	113
1997										133
TOTALS	521	520	593	611	602	628	652	661	670	685

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT, PROFESSIONAL STAFF, AND EXPENDITURE PER PUPIL DATA

SCHOOL YEAR	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-9	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
HIGH SCHOOL									
October 1 Enrollment	442	456	437	432	440	433	451	460	475
No. of Staff*	41.35	41.6	42.15	40.75	40.35	41.75	43.1	44.1	51.85
Pupil-Staff Ratio	10.7	11	10.4	10.6	10.9	10.4	10.5	10.4	9.2
MIDDLE SCHOOL									
October 1 Enrollment	353	338	346	377	419	422	400	455	504
No. of Staff*	32.5	31.1	31.9	34.45	36.3	37.2	36.1	40.35	44.4
Pupil-Staff Ratio	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	11.5	11.3	11.1	11.3	11.4
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS									
October 1 Enrollment	681	780	849	867	910	962	1,016	1,056	1,083
No. of Staff*	45.7	47.5	54.65	57.4	61.45	67.95	70.5	72.95	74.8
Pupil-Staff Ratio	14.9	16.4	15.5	15.1	14.8	14.2	14.4	14.5	14.5
ALL SCHOOLS									
October 1 Enrollment	1,476	1,574	1,632	1,676	1,769	1,817	1,867	1,971	2,062
Total Prof. Staff**	126.3^	126.45^	134.5^	138.7^	144.4^	154.45^	157.8^	165.55^	179.5^
Total Pupil-Staff Ratio	11.7	12.4	12.1	12.1	12.3	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.5
Expenditure Per Student	\$ 7,387	\$ 7,177	\$ 7,548	\$ 7,170	\$ 7,193	\$ 7,784	\$ 8,009	\$ 8,170	\$ 8,469/

*Includes Teachers, Specialists, and Building Administrators

**Includes Central Office Personnel

^Not including positions funded by State and Federal Grants

/Based on Estimated Expenditure for year in progress

REPORT OF MINUTEMAN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL OF APPLIED ARTS AND SCIENCES

New Name and Public Information

In October, 1998, the Minuteman School Committee voted to change the name of the school from Minuteman Science-Technology High School to Minuteman Regional High School, with the added tag line *School of Applied Arts and Sciences*. The new name is part of a public information program is aimed at making families more aware of the uniqueness of the school's career and college-preparation programs. The "Regional High School" designation is included to emphasize that the school is a public high school.

Technical Literacy for Local High School Students

Minuteman is collaborating with Wayland High School (which no longer has an Industrial Arts program), providing technical training for six of its high school students for a second year. The students spend every morning at Minuteman receiving career training in several technical programs and return to Wayland each afternoon for their academic courses. This program provides participants with an opportunity for hands-on learning and is open to students in member towns.

Middle School Technical Literacy Program

Another Minuteman partnership is the middle school technical literacy program. The school is currently working with teachers in six area middle schools, assisting them to develop and incorporate technology education into their curricula as well as providing technology instruction in support of the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

The popular After-School Program, which provides hands-on career and academic enrichment opportunities for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in the district, is offered without charge (including transportation) to participating schools.

These two programs are financed by the Minuteman Tech budget.

Grants and Donations

Minuteman keeps its technical and academic programs up-to-date while surviving fiscal pressures seeking grants and donations. The Technology Division has received a number of grants that will enhance available opportunities and resources, including:

- a National Science Foundation Telecommunications Grant,
- a Massachusetts Department of Education's Emerging Technology Grant,
- a Environmental Trust Grant and
- a Texas Instruments Calculator Based Laboratory Grant.

Grants are also used to supplement enrich our academic programs. In 1997/98 these included:

- a \$5,000 CBL Texas Instrument Training Grant;
- a \$2,882 Department of Education Math/Science Teaching Training Grant;
- a \$2,117 Department of Education Essential Skills Grant; and
- a \$4,500 PALMS II Grant.

In addition, Minuteman has also received several donations of state-of-the-art equipment from its industry partners, including:

- \$40,000 worth of equipment for the Culinary Arts Department,
- an \$8,000 intraoral camera for the Dental Assistant Training Program, *and*
- a \$3,000 page imposition software program.

New Curricula

Minuteman's curriculum and philosophy prepare students for lifelong learning in high opportunity career areas. In keeping with this philosophy, the following new programs have been incorporated into the curriculum:

- *Aquaculture* - for Environmental students,
- *Geographical Information Systems* training - for Environmental students,
- *Telecommunications Technology* - within the Electronics Program,
- a flexible manufacturing training station in the Electromechanical Robotics,.
- *Telecommunications Technology* - a new Chapter 74 Program
- *General Motors/Chrysler Corporation AYES* program - for use of state-of-the-art tools and equipment to repair computer-controlled systems.

Student Awards

Minuteman students earning state and national recognition during the 1997-1998 school year, included:

- A National Merit Scholarship semifinalist who entered Cornell University after completing high school requirements in three years;
- Five first place medallists, five second place medallists and three third place medallists in the 1998 Massachusetts VICA competition;
- Two silver and one 4th place finisher in the National VICA competition;
- Teams finishing 1st and 2nd in two Mass. Vocational Math League Meets and one coming in 5th in the U-Mass Lowell Challenge competition;
- A two time winner of a \$1,000 scholarship in the WPI Math Meet;
- 1st place winners in the Environmental and Math fields in the Massachusetts Science Fair held at MIT, and 2nd and 3rd winners in Biology (out of 280 entries from across the state);
- 2nd place winner in the Environmental Technology at the International Science Fair in Texas; this student also won a Special First Place Award from the Society of Toxicology and Chemistry (\$500) and a \$12,000 scholarship to Indiana University;
- A winner of a \$1,000 scholarship at a State Career Development Conference for a Food Marketing Research project.

Staff Awards

Minuteman staff members also continue to receive recognition:

- A dental instructor was named an Educator of the Year by the Goldin Foundation.
- A baking instructor was inducted into the *Les Amis d'Escoffier* Society of Boston. He was a coordinator at the Inaugural VICA Culinary International Youth Skills Olympic Trial and will fill the same role for the Mass. Retail Bakers of America International Skills Olympics next November.

Accreditation

In October, 1998, the continuation of Minuteman's accreditation was recommended by a visiting inspection team of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The school's plan for pursuing relevant space needs was also endorsed by the group.

Space Needs

Minuteman is filled to capacity. More space for technical labs and for training in hospitality and health careers is needed. The School Committee is proposing a school-industry partnership to create needed space at no expense to taxpayers as follows:

- An on-site training hotel of the extended-stay type (no restaurant and no conference facilities) to minimize traffic;
- An on-site assisted living facility for senior citizens, a facility with training space for health, cosmetology, maintenance and culinary majors;
- An industry-school technical building that would fulfill the critical needs for technical lab space;

With the decrease in off-site school traffic that would result from the proposed facilities, a major increase in quality of career learning experiences could result.

Legislation

Some legislation which may harm Minuteman was proposed in 1998, which, if adopted, will give member towns the right to reduce their budget contributions to the school to a level that is too low to support a reasonable expenditure per pupil. The reason given for this proposal was that state tuition for some non-residents is too low; the proposed legislation takes support away all students rather than fixing the tuition level. The School Committee will ask for proper support from member towns despite the unusual legislation and will ask friends of the school to join in seeking correction of this legislation.

Weston's Involvement with Minuteman School

Weston has seven full-time equivalent students enrolled at Minuteman at the High School or Post-graduate level. The school's total enrollment is 906 students. The Town's financial assessment for the school was \$113,218.00 in fiscal 1998. The assessment for fiscal 1999 is budgeted at \$ 43,864.00.

Financial Statement

<u>Sources of Revenue</u>	FY 1997	FY 1998
Assessments	\$ 6,363,861	\$ 6,787,212
Chapter 70	2,152,078	2,199,446
Transportation, Chapter 71	454,970	541,883
Choice	1,121,684	1,039,439
Tuition	1,448,818	1,671,305
Other	159,720	166,254
Appropriated From Surplus	157,440	170,303
Total Revenues	\$ 11,858,571	\$ 12,575,842
 <u>Expenditures</u>		
Salaries	7,767,057	8,024,894
Other Instructional Expenses	927,634	973,650
Administrative Expenses	464,283	428,964
Retiree/Employee Benefits	892,503	985,127
Transportation	841,729	989,372
Operations & Maintenance	836,273	859,387
Equipment Purchase	207,393	382,010
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,936,872	\$ 12,643,404
Revenues less Expenditures	\$ (78,301)	\$ (67,562)

REPORT OF THE WESTON-ROMBAS AFFILIATION COMMITTEE

The Weston-Rombas Affiliation oversees the town's international student exchange program. For almost 50 years, selected students from our high school and from the *Lycée Julie Daubié* in Rombas, France have changed places for a year. Similarly, we have been exchanging students with the *Colégio Aplicação* in Porto Alegre, Brazil for close to 40 years. Since 1954, more than 150 students have participated in the program.

Every year, the committee selects one Weston student to go to each of the two countries, and welcomes our visitors by finding homes for them and helping with academic and social adjustments. The affiliation pays round trip airfare for the Weston students. We assist our visitors with expenses incurred while in Weston, including school accident insurance; one-half of the cost of the "Close-Up" trip to Washington, DC; yearbooks; special books and classroom supplies, sports deposits and other miscellaneous expenses.

Although we are an official town committee, we receive no financial support from taxes. Funds for the program come from an annual town-wide appeal, and

from our spring brunch. In 1998, the committee raised approximately \$6,000.00 from these two sources. Contributions are tax deductible, and we appreciate your support.



Participants in Exchange with Rombas, France

From left: Sujata Sharma, to France 1997-98; Bénédicte Noiré, from France 1998-99; Michelle Chun, to France 1998-99; Joe Forte, to France 1996-97

The Affiliation is also grateful for the support we receive from the community in the form of housing for our visitors. Approximately ten families a year open their homes and hearts to these "strangers." Lasting ties often form: some extend back thirty or forty years. Each student usually stays about two months with five different families, thus seeing several versions of what an American family looks like. New host families are always welcomed by the affiliation. We encourage families who cannot serve as hosts to participate by inviting our international students to a dinner, weekend trip, sports event, the movies or anything else they think of.

Highlights of 1998:

- Our visiting scholars for 1998-99 school year are:

Daniela Plesnik from Porto Alegre, who has stayed with the Hutcheson, Danforth/Stone and Larkin/Gomez-Ibanez families.

Bénédicte Noiré from Rombas, whose hosts have been the Sharma and Petcavage families.

Daniela and Bénédicte were honored at the annual reception in September at which they were officially welcomed by Chairman of the Board of Selectman, Ripley Hastings, and our new Superintendent of Schools, Alan Oliff.

- In 1997-98 our guests were:

Audrey Weiland from Rombas whose hosts in 1998 were the Rousseau, Selvage/Mather, and Nolan families.

Carina Dias de Borba from Porto Alegre, who stayed with the Inui family.

- Weston students abroad:

Sujata Pradeep Sharma, '00 spent the 1997-1998 school year in Rombas.

Trina Renee Bryant, '98 was in Brazil in 1998.

Michelle Chun, '01 is in France for the 1998-1999 school year.

Daniel Rose, '01, has recently been selected to go to Porto Alegre in March, 1999 for the 1999 Brazilian school year.



Participants in exchange with Porto Alegre, Brazil:

Daniela Plesnik, from Brazil 1998-99; Trina Bryant, to Brazil 1998; Dan Rose, to Brazil, 1999

- Former Brazilian exchange student, *Edwardo Beheregaray*, was in Weston in January.
- In June, *Audrey Weiland's* parents came for a visit to Weston and the US and attended Graduation on the Town Green.
- Former exchange student, *Lilian Autler*, and her mother *Kaja*, visited friends in Rombas in June.
- In the summer, former chairman of the Committee, Mary Ann Pappanikou, went to Rombas and visited with former and current exchanged students and their families, and was welcomed by Jean-Louis Pironio, president of the French committee.
- In December, *Béné Noiré's* parents, brother and sister visited for the holidays.
- Also in December, former exchange student from France, *Stephen Rohmer*, visited Weston and Weston resident Elizabeth Goldman visited Rombas, where she stayed with *Sophie Guebel* an exchange student who stayed with her family in 1995.

The Committee extends its special thanks to the host families in all three participating countries. They provide the most important ingredient for this successful cultural exchange.

REPORT OF THE WESTON WAR MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE

In 1953, the Town voted to establish a fund to be called the Weston War Memorial Educational Fund as a memorial to the men and women who served in the Armed Forces during time of war. The Committee is charged with making financial aid awards to members of the graduating class or recent graduates of Weston High School for their post-secondary education. Awards made from the income generated by the fund are based on need, scholastic ability and the recommendation of school officials.

The investment of the Fund is the responsibility of the Town's Commissioners of Trust Funds, as part of the Consolidated Trust Fund Group.

The Committee appreciates all the financial support it receives from the Weston community during its annual appeal for scholarship assistance.

Principal Balance, June 30, 1997	\$ 172,812.93
Annual Fund Appeal	3,368.00
Gain on sale of investments	5,966.35
Principal balance, June 30, 1998:	\$ 182,147.28

TOWN RECORDS

APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN during 1998

In addition to the Officers of the Town who are listed beginning on page 11 of this Town Report the following appointments were made by the Board of Selectmen:

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Brian E. Allenberg
Antony C. Baker
Edward J. Barbetti
Stephen G. Carter
William T. Craig
John Cronin
Edward M. Dickson
John Finnerty
Douglas P. Gillespie
Ripley E. Hastings
Harold Hestnes
William J. Hourihan
Keith M. Kasprzak
Eric Kester
Ann G. Leibowitz
Charles E. MacLeod, Jr.
Paul A. Morrison
Joseph W. Mullin

Lee E. Munson
Richard A. Murray
Paul B. Nicholas, Jr.
Elizabeth D. Nichols
David T. Nims
Frederick W. Nims
Peter Perrin
Daniel J. Robertson
Dwight F. Robertson
John C. Ryan
John E. Thorburn
Michael J. Tuttle
Joan M. Vernon
Edmund M. Walker
Peter J. Walsh
Jack S. Weiner
Paul E. Young
Thomas J. Zagami

ELECTION WORKERS 1998-1999

PRECINCT I	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
Warden	Rita Hirsch	--
	Mary J. Woll	--
Clerk	--	Barbara Fonda
Deputy Clerk	--	
Inspectors	Peter Morton-U	Sally S. Barnes
	Theresa M. Mirablile	Ann Lesser
		Mary E. McMahon-U
Deputy Inspectors	Nancy G. Pearson	Virginia M. Carpenter
		Helen V. Zolla
PRECINCT II		
Warden	Lynn T. Brontas	--
Deputy Warden	--	--
Clerk	--	Joan B. Vernon-U
Deputy Clerk	--	Katharine T. Smith

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
Inspectors	Albert Kalman-U Elizabeth H. Moore-U	Valerie A. Kirshy-U Corinne Clarke
Deputy Inspectors	Elizabeth A. Coan Bernice Gully	Ruth Helen Banghart Frank S. Senior, Jr.-U
PRECINCT III		
Warden	Patricia K. Shotwell	--
Deputy Warden	Beatrice D. Fitzpatrick	--
Clerk	--	Beverly Shepherd
Deputy Clerk	--	Joyce Downes
Inspectors	Mary C. Jensen-U Dorothy A. Metzger-U	Nancy B. Bates Anne M. Lavacchia-U
Deputy Inspectors	Margery L. Blacklow Eileen D. Thibeault	Beatrice S. Forman-U Francis B. Bryson-U
PRECINCT IV		
Warden	Earl J. Forman	--
Deputy Warden	Marybelle H. Cochran	--
Clerk	--	Florence G. Atkins
Deputy Clerk	--	Dorothy Concannon
Inspectors	Elizabeth Paine-U Nancy Baer	Grace Pina Dorothea S. Santos-U
Deputy Inspectors	Joan Bryson-U James C. Brenner	Barbara K. Peatman Bryn G. Madden

TELLERS

DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
Linda M. Abegglen	Mary G. Aydelott-U
Jane Brigham	Susan R. Banghart
Sandra C. Coburn-U	Anne Bennett-U
Nina Danforth	Cristy Ballou Brackett
Gail J. Donnelly-U	Barbara A. Dillaway
Beatrice Forman	Jean S. Dowell
Bettye C. Freeman	Carol A. Gilbert
Elmer E. Jones	Stephen E. Humphrey
William J. McCarthy, Jr.	Nancy Mack
Ellen McMahon-U	Joseph P. Sheehan, Jr
Edward V. W. Rossiter	Milton T. Theall-U
Ruth C. Sheehan	Jean M. Valle-U
Robert C. Webb	Lisbet C. Zeytoonjian-U

LICENSES ISSUED BY SELECTMEN - 1998

Common Victuallers

Beantown Bagels, Inc. - d/b/a Bruegger's	
Bagel Bakery	21 Centre Street
Ye Olde Cottage Restaurant, Inc.	403 Boston Post Road
Dennis Maxwell - d/b/a Dairy Joy	331 North Avenue
Off Center Eateries	436 Boston Post Road

Food and Beverage Dispensing (Chapter 140, Section 21E, M.G.L.)

Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman Tennis Center	100 Brown Street
Pine Brook Country Club, Inc.	42 Newton Street
Weston Golf Club	275 Meadowbrook Road

Public Event or Entertainment

Weston Carriage Society Horse Show	April 25, 1998
Weston-Wayland Open Spring Horse Show	May 8, 1998

Parades, Bicycle Tours and Road Races, etc.

Weston Little League	<i>Parade</i>	May 2, 1998
The Brain Tumor Society	<i>Bicycle Ride</i>	May 17, 1998
St. Jude's Research Hospital	<i>Bicycle Tour</i>	June 7, 1998
Rotary Club of Weston	<i>Antique Car Show</i>	September 26, 1998
Weston Community	<i>Halloween Parade</i>	October 29, 1998
Children's Association		

Public Entertainment on Sunday

Jericho Forest Pony Club	<i>Combined Test</i>	April 26, 1998
Jericho Forest Pony Club	<i>Dressage Rally</i>	May 31, 1998
Central Mass. Horse Club	<i>A Horse Show</i>	June 28, 1998
Central Mass. Horse Club	<i>A Horse Show</i>	August 9, 1998
Jericho Forest Pony Club	<i>Combined Test</i>	October 18, 1998
Weston Fall Hunter Pace	<i>Horseback Riding</i>	October 25, 1998
Central Mass. Horse Club	<i>A Horse Show</i>	September 27, 1998

Other

Janet V. Millian	Private Livery Service
Ireneusz Omiecki	Class II Used Car Dealer

THE FOLLOWING SELECTED VOTES WERE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IN 1998

January 6, 1998

Voted to approve and authorize Town Administrator to sign Blue Cross/Blue Shield Administrative Services Agreement with Attachments A,B,C,D, and an amendment relative to notification of an employee no longer eligible of the option to continue coverage pursuant to current state and federal law. The Agreement was accordingly signed by the Town Administrator.

January 13, 1998

The Board held a hearing on a complaint filed by Paul F. Cort, 25 Fischer Avenue, Wellesley, concerning dog named Tasheo, licensed to Sarah Schiermeyer and kept at 465 South Avenue. Voted to issue an Order of Restraint with respect to Tasheo.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, letter to each member of the Sewer Committee concerning their request to dissolve the Committee. The letter expressed the Selectmen's desire to keep the Committee in existence for future needs, but suggested the present members might resign if they no longer wish to be involved with the Sewer Committee.

Voted to approve draft of letter to Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority concerning land at Kendal Green railroad station, assurance of continued commuter rail service to this station and possible reduction in assessment.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, Agreement with SEA Consultants, Inc. for Study of Sewage Treatment and Disposal.

The Board received report from Chief of Police of results of sealed bids taken for sale of used firearms. Voted to award to the high bidder, Interstate Arms, for the price of \$2,801.

January 20, 1998

The Board received bids for Group Insurance Consulting Services for three years. At the recommendation of the Town Administrator, voted to accept the low bid from Cook & Co. at \$4,500 per year, favorable reports having been received from three towns served by the company more than five years each.

Voted that the Conservation Commission and Planning Board be notified of the request by Edward M. Dickson for a waiver by the Selectmen of the Town's right of first refusal to purchase the land to be changed from agricultural and horticultural use under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 61A, Section 14, with request for notice if interested in acquiring the land so specified.

January 27, 1998

The Board received from Massachusetts Water Resources Authority offer of purchase pursuant to Section 13 of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1997, for four

permanent subsurface easements in portions of properties owned by Town of Weston. Voted to execute a Grant of Easement document as specified in the referenced statute. The Grant of Easement was accordingly signed in duplicate by the Selectmen.

The Board received from Director of Operations, DPW report of bids and recommendation for award of contract for two stationary compactors to be provided and installed at Transfer Facility. Voted to award contract to the low bidder, Engineered Construction, Inc. at \$49,347.00, less alternates deducting three compaction containers totaling \$14,250.00, for a net price of \$35,097.00.

Voted to proceed with the purchase of title insurance for land acquired from M.W.R.A. from Kopelman and Paige, P.C. Further voted that the interest of Kopelman and Paige, P.C. as agent for Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company, with waiver of agent's premium, in the issuance of an owner's title insurance policy naming the Town as insured with respect to the above referenced parcel(s) acquired by the Town is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity that the Town may expect of them as Town Counsel.

Voted to appoint Committee to evaluate proposals received for designer services for Recreation Commission building: Thomas M. Alperin, 72 Rockport Road; Stephen J. Larocque, 85 Jericho Road; Ella Warren Merrill, 420 Concord Road; James I. Rubens, 20 Ledgewood Road; and Henry N. Wheeler, 414 Concord Road.

Voted to approve acceptance by the Conservation Commission of deed to three parcels of land for conservation purposes from Cold Stream Limited Partnership, the land located off Church Street. Voted to sign, and signed accordingly, the approval of acceptance of the deed.

February 4, 1998

The Board conducted, with Richard C. Nota, Director of Operations, D.P.W., interviews of representatives of firms proposing to provide designer services for study of Highway Yard site for possible expansion of facilities.

7:45 p.m. SEA Consultants, Inc.

8:15 p.m. Earth Tech

8:45 p.m. CSS Architects, Inc.

The Board voted to select Earth Tech to provide designer services for study of the Highway Yard site.

The Board met with Earl Forman, Chairman of the Weston Town Wide Working Group, for discussion of a) request for allocation of grant money by MetroWest Growth Management Committee and b) consideration of size and membership of the Working Group. The Board received a memorandum from Edwin Taff on this second matter. A number of residents attended the meeting and voiced their opinions. Voted to authorize Mr. Mullin to sign a letter to the MetroWest Coalition of Working Groups requesting funding for the hiring of

technical consultant(s). The Board declined to make a decision about the size and membership of the Working Group until its next meeting.

Upon recommendation from Jean E. Reynolds, Chairperson, Recycling Education Committee, voted to approve expenditure from Recycling and Energy Conservation appropriation to reimburse school lunch account for purchase of salad bowls and trays in the amount of \$1,623.09. The items are now washed in new equipment at High School and eliminate use of disposable containers.

The Board received from the residents of Falmouth and Scotch Pine Roads gifts to cover one-half of cost of repairs to Falmouth Road after acceptance by the Town: four gifts in the amounts of \$1,343.89 each from Guido A. Rothrauff, Jr., Frank Woodard, Charles Roazen, and Gerald Kraft. Voted to approve acceptance of the gifts and to authorize under authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A expenditure for the stated purpose without appropriation.

Voted to approve request from Liberty Mutual Insurance Company for change in street lighting along Riverside Road.

Voted to approve request from Committee on Space Needs and Building Use for \$2,500 to examine the possible effect of new requirements for seismic protection measures in buildings.

February 11, 1998

The Board conducted interviews with representatives of firms proposing to provide designer services for Recreation Building as recommended by the Screening Committee

- 7:45 p.m. Gary Wolf Architects
- 8:30 p.m. Claude Emanuel Menders Architects
- 9:15 p.m. Bargmann, Hendrie and Archetype

By majority vote, the Board voted to select Claude Emanuel Menders Architects. (Mr. Hastings and Mrs. Nichols voted in favor of selecting Claude Emanuel Menders Architects; Mr. Mullin voted in favor of selecting Bargmann, Hendrie and Archetype.) The reasons for selection verbally stated will be set forth in a written statement to be adopted at a later meeting.

The Board considered the composition and procedures of Weston MWRA Working Group. Voted to maintain the membership of the current Working Group, as it currently exists, except for the reappointment of Charles Whitney and possible representation from the schools. Further voted to approve statement of procedures to be recommended to the Working Group.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, notice of Town Caucus to be held on Monday, March 9, 1998, at 8:00 p.m. at Weston High School Auditorium.

The Board considered letter from Weston League of Women Voters proposing a banner to be displayed across Boston Post Road in the week before an election or primary, to encourage voter participation. Voted to approve the placement of

such a banner, to be provided by the League, before each election and primary, with the provision that before a fall primary it may be necessary to share the banner space with another organization.

Voted, pursuant to the authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 31D, to authorize incurring of liability and making expenditures for snow and ice removal in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 in excess of the available appropriations for the current fiscal year. The Board of Selectmen has determined that the appropriation for snow and ice removal for fiscal year 1998 is \$112,000, the same amount as that appropriated for the same purpose in fiscal year 1997.

The Board received bids for printing the 1997 Annual Town Report. Voted to award a contract to the low bidder, Athol Press, Athol, MA, for a total for bid comparison purposes of \$8,596.00. Further voted to sign, and signed accordingly in duplicate, acceptance of the bid.

February 24, 1998

The Board met with three residents of Plain Road, Wayland, and several Weston residents, including Peter Whittenberger, Doug Gillespie, John and Martha Fiske, regarding planning for the Wayside Rail Trail and the possible use of Route 20 as part of the Trail. It was noted that the Weston town meeting voted not to participate in the design and construction of the Trail. Any suggestion for incorporating Route 20 in the design of the Trail would be inappropriate at this time. Voted that Weston not pursue the design phase.

At the request of the School Department, voted to authorize the Town Treasurer and Collector to borrow \$2,150,000 for the Weston High School Renovation Project, by issue of bond anticipation notes. This is the balance of the loan authorized but unissued for the High School Project.

The Board met with Mark S. Good, Town Treasurer and Collector, and M. Elizabeth Nolan, Town Clerk, to consider and approve borrowing by bond anticipation notes to refund a number of maturing bond anticipation notes and to raise funds for several new purposes.

Voted that all action taken by the Town Treasurer in advertising for public sale of the \$7,150,000 Bond Anticipation Note (Municipal Purpose Loan of 1998, Bonds) (the "Note") of the Town, issued in anticipation of bonds authorized pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7, 8 and 16 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended and supplemented, and by votes of the Town duly adopted and, described in Appendix A, be and hereby is ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted;

That the Note shall be dated as of March 4, 1998, shall mature on September 30, 1998, shall be numbered consecutively and subject to the provisions of this vote, shall be in such form, of such denomination and contain such other details as the Town Treasurer and a majority of the Board of Selectmen shall determine or approve by their execution of the Note;

That the Note shall originally be issued by means of a book-entry system evidencing ownership and transfer of the Note; and in the event of failure or termination of the book-entry system, BankBoston, N.A., in Boston, Massachusetts, shall issue replacement notes in the form of fully registered certificates;

That BankBoston, N.A., in Burlington, Massachusetts shall certify the Note as to its genuineness;

That BankBoston, N.A., in Boston, Massachusetts shall act as Transfer Agent and Paying Agent therefor;

That the Note shall bear interest and is hereby sold and awarded as follows:

<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Note No.</u>	<u>Denominations</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Premium</u>
BankBoston, N.A.	R-1	\$7,150,000	3.75%	\$10,407.66

That the Board of Selectmen and the Town Treasurer be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a Material Events Disclosure Certificate generally as described in the official statement relating to the Note and to incorporate by reference thereto in the Note such Certificate both in such form as the signatures may approve by their execution thereof, and the obligation of the Town contained in such certificate is hereby approved and confirmed.

That the Board of Selectmen, the Treasurer and the Town Clerk be and hereby are, and each of them severally is, authorized to take such action, and to execute and deliver such certificates, receipts, or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing vote.

That the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized to prepare and deliver the Note to the aforesaid purchaser or order against payment in full of the agreed purchase price.

The Board signed non-arbitrage and use of proceeds certificate, signature, award, and no litigation certificate, as well as the Note.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, Grant of Easement to Regis College for installation of a sewer line in Wellesley Street and Sibley Road in Weston as authorized by Section 619 of Chapter 151 of the Acts and Resolves of 1996.

Voted to approve and authorize Secretary to sign a statement of reasons for selection of Earth Tech of Concord, Massachusetts, to provide Designer services in connection with the study of Highway Department Yard needs and feasibility. The statement of reasons was accordingly signed by the Secretary.

Voted to adopt and sign, and signed accordingly, Rules and Regulations, Excavation and Use of Public Ways and to file a copy in the office of Town Clerk.

The Board received from the Director, DPW, report of receipt of gift in the amount of \$14,250 from Weston Recycling Committee Trust for the purpose of defraying the cost of three forty-five cu. yd. containers for use with two compactors at the Transfer Facility. Voted to approve acceptance of the gift and to

authorize under authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A expenditure for the stated purpose without appropriation.

March 3, 1998

Voted to approve authorization to participate in the Local Update of Census Address Program for the federal census in the year 2000.

The Board considered what would be the appropriate fee to charge for a building permit for reconstruction of a building damaged by fire before construction had been completed. Voted to waive the fee on the basis that the work under the previously issued permit had not been completed.

March 10, 1998

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, Agreement in triplicate with CBI Consulting, Inc. for designer services for repairs to Weston Town Hall and Josiah Smith Tavern, for a total fee of \$9,500 and possible reimbursable expenses not to exceed \$500.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly in quadruplicate, Agreement with Engineered Construction, Inc. for furnishing and installing two stationary refuse compactors.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly in duplicate, Special Speed Regulation No. 7716 applicable to Cherry Brook Road.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, Change Order Number 3 to contract with R. A. Hammond Construction, Linwood Cemetery Expansion.

The Board received report of bids for optical scan vote tabulation equipment. Voted to reject the low bid by Election Systems and Software, Inc. as non-responsive because it did not conform to the Town's specifications. Further voted to accept the bid of LHS Associates, Inc. for Global Election Systems, Accu-Vote, ES-2000, for the price of \$23,400.00.

March 17, 1998

The Board received a petition signed by eighteen persons for inclusion of article in the warrant for annual town meeting. Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 10, voted to refer the petition to the Board of Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures of registered voters; and further voted to refer a copy of the petition to the Planning Board in accordance with M. G. L. Chapter 40A, Section 5, if qualified for submission.

The Board met with Andy Marvel to hear request for funds for Committee on Space Needs to examine all aspects of regulations relating to seismic protection of buildings. Voted to approve the expenditure of up to \$8,700.00 to conduct such a study.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, Agreement with Beta Engineering, Inc. for services in connection with removal of three underground storage tanks no longer in use.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly in triplicate, reimbursement requests for Chapter 90 funds: Memorandum of Agreement 35752, in the amount of \$31,655.79; and Memorandum of Agreement 36107, in the amount of \$362,204.00.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, release to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Inc. in connection with refund relating to settlement of claim by Department of Labor in the amount of \$4,122.00.

The Board received quotations for printing warrant and budget book. Voted to award to the low bidder, Accuforms, Inc. of Braintree, for the price of \$3,438.56, plus or minus \$71.63 per page for additional or fewer pages as may be required. Further voted to sign, and signed accordingly, the acceptance in duplicate.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, Agreement in Anticipation of Settlement among the following parties: AMA Funding Corporation, Arthur D. Little, Inc., Massachusetts Broken Stone Company, Weston Planning Board, and Weston Board of Selectmen.

March 24, 1998

Voted to open warrants for submission of petitions for articles. Further voted to close the warrant for the annual town meeting on Monday, March 30, 1998, and to close the warrant for the special town meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 1998.

The Board considered disposition of used vehicle of Council on Aging ("turtle top"). Voted to donate the vehicle to the Friends of the Council on Aging (a qualified non-profit organization), as permitted by statute, with the understanding that the Friends will trade in the vehicle against a new bus to be given to the Town.

At the recommendation of the Director of Operations, D.P.W., voted to approve and sign Change Order to contract with John Wacker & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$3,800.00. The Change Order was accordingly signed in triplicate.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, Chapter 90 Project Request for use of funds allocated under Memoranda of Agreement numbered 36458 and 37163, in the amounts of \$262,540 and \$93,560 respectively.

Voted to approve, subject to modifications to be drafted by Town Counsel, Agreement with Massachusetts Municipal Association relative to aggregating and procuring electricity.

March 30, 1998

Voted to approve and authorize Chairman to sign letter to President of Regis College confirming that the proposed sewer connection from Regis College to MWRA sewerage system is consistent with local and regional growth management plans.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with Woodard & Curran for engineering services in connection with

Chestnut Street water main project in the amount of \$15,678.10, for a total adjusted contract amount of \$57,823.10.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed in duplicate License Agreement with City of Cambridge for constructing, installing and housing stream gage monitoring equipment on land of the Town.

Voted to approve expenditure of funds from Recycling and Energy Conservation appropriation for purchase of 4 science kits at \$400 each.

April 6, 1998

Voted under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 29C, as amended, to place on the warrant for the annual town election the following questions:

Question No. 1: Shall the Town of Weston be allowed to assess an additional \$350,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of defraying Town operating expenses for the fiscal year beginning July first, nineteen hundred and ninety-eight?

Question No. 2: Shall the Town of Weston be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to provide the funds with which to lay and relay water mains not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter?

Question No. 3: Shall the Town of Weston be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to provide the funds with which to purchase for conservation and other purposes land containing approximately 4.7 acres, located on Church Street, numbered 153 and designated as parcel 18-30 on the Assessors maps of the Town?

Question No. 4: Shall the Town of Weston be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the additional bonds issued for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing an addition or additions to Weston Middle School and for remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to the present Middle School?

Voted to extend the time for receipt of petitions for articles in warrant for annual or special town meeting to Monday, April 6, 1998 at 5:00 p.m. Further voted to refer five petitions to Registrars of Voters for certification of required number of signatures.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly in duplicate, Amendment No. 2A to Agreement between Woodard & Curran, Inc. and Town of Weston for engineering services for construction administration and resident engineering for Coburn Road water main installation in the amount of \$456.55.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly in triplicate, Amendment No. 2 to Agreement with Green Environmental, Inc. for services in connection with Limited Removal Action in South Avenue in the amount of \$6,701.77.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, proposed Agreement with CBI Consulting, Inc. for evaluation study of three options for creation of additional space for Town offices, as requested by Committee on Space Needs.

April 14, 1998

The Board considered the warrant for the annual town meeting. Voted to adopt and sign the warrant for the annual town meeting to be held on Saturday, May 9, 1998, to act on Article 1, and on Monday, May 11, 1998 to act on the remaining Articles. Further voted that attested copies of said warrant be posted at the Town Hall, at the Kendal Green railroad station, and on the Town bulletin board at the north entrance of Weston High School on Wellesley Street seven days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

The Board considered the warrant for the special town meeting. Voted to adopt and sign the warrant for a special town meeting to be held on Monday, May 11, 1998. Further voted that attested copies of said warrant be posted at the Town Hall, at the Kendal Green railroad station, and on the Town bulletin board at the north entrance of Weston High School on Wellesley Street, fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, notice of budget hearing to be held on Monday, May 4, 1998.

At the recommendation of the Director of Operations, DPW, voted that Diane Harris be employed as Clerk of the Works to supervise the process of installing water service lines from mains to serve residences in the defined areas where work on MetroWest Water Supply Tunnel could affect private wells.

At the recommendation of Director of Operations, DPW, voted to execute a contract, in the amount of \$17,000, with Woodard and Curran to develop detailed plan for stormwater management which is being pushed by U.S.E.P.A. The contract was accordingly signed by the Selectmen.

The Board received from Victor G. Pesek plans for new septic system at Fiske law office. Mr. Pesek will also prepare bidding documents. Voted to approve for payment \$4,262.50 to Mr. Pesek for work completed to date.

April 18, 1998

Voted to use an additional sum of \$350,000 from "Free Cash" to reduce the tax levy for fiscal year 1999. Treasurer and Collector reports receipts of real estate and personal taxes from July 1, 1997 to March 31, 1998 exceed \$800,000 which will be certified by Bureau of Accounts as an addition to Free Cash.

Voted to rescind vote adopted April 6, 1998 to place a question to authorize an override of Proposition 2 - 1/2 on the ballot for Town election and to amend

warrant for annual town meeting to delete the question from Article 1 and to renumber questions 2, 3, and 4 to questions 1, 2 and 3.

Further voted to approve amended version of letter to the voters for inclusion in Budget and Warrant booklet.

April 21, 1998

The Board received from Massachusetts Highway Department Special Speed Regulation #7716 establishing speed limits on Cherry Brook Road. Voted to authorize installation of 25 MPH signs at various places in Cherry Brook Road.

April 28, 1998

Voted to charge the costs of the study of Highway Department Yard Expansion Feasibility to the appropriation "Study Buildings and Land Use."

The Board discussed the issue of the Dickson proposal for affordable housing. A number of residents were in attendance, as well as all members of the Planning Board.

Mr. Mullin stated the Board's policy, which is to advance affordable housing and to improve the variety of housing in Weston. Mr. Hastings then spoke about the Board's efforts to identify common interests and reach a compromise agreement between the Selectmen, the Dicksons, and The Community Builders, Inc. Such an agreement has been developed and is acceptable to the Dicksons and TCB. The Agreement gives the Board control over certain issues such as the exterior architecture and density. The density shall be limited to 16-18 units. In addition, the Board has determined that land adjacent to the Dickson parcel belonging to the Paine estate may be available for purchase. This would allow TCB the ability to site 12 units on the Dickson property and an additional 4-6 units on the Paine estate property. The Agreement also provides for the Selectmen to sign the L.I.P. application within 10 days after execution of the agreement. Mrs. Nichols pointed out that if the Paine estate property becomes available for purchase, extra funds will need to be raised to do so.

Before taking action on the Agreement, the Board took the following action:

Voted that the Board decline to exercise the Town's rights under Chapter 61A with respect to the approximately 10 acres of land as described in the Notice under Chapter 61A, Sec. 14 submitted to the Board on December 30, 1997, and further that the Board adopt the following resolution to formally waive, on behalf of the Town, the right to purchase the land on any terms provided under G.L. c. 61A, S. 14. (See resolution attached to these minutes.)

Further voted that the Board enter into the Agreement presented by TCB and the Dicksons, dated April 28, 1998.

May 5, 1998

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly in quadruplicate, Agreement with Sentinel Screening Services for Drug and Alcohol Program to comply with Requirements of U. S. Dept. of Transportation.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, two orders to correct charges for engineering services for plans by MetroWest Engineering, Inc., for parking area along roadway to transfer station in the amounts of \$7,750 and \$2,500.

The Board considered letter from Headmaster of The Cambridge School concerning issue of building permit for a new Performing Arts Center. Pending resolution of the negotiations between the School and City of Waltham for connection to the MWRA sewer through the City of Waltham's sewerage system, it was requested that the Selectmen authorize the Inspector of Buildings to issue a building permit for a proposed Performing Arts Center on land of the School in Weston. The Board voted that the Building Inspector be so authorized provided that the School shall provide an Agreement satisfactory to Town Counsel holding the Town and its officers harmless from and indemnified against any claims which may result from the issue of a permit in the absence of an approved sewage disposal plan.

The Board met with Ned Brush concerning plans for paving areas at Water Department land, Gun Club Lane. It was advised that work on paving will be suspended at this time. Russell Ferrelli will have stones at the intersection of driveway and Gun Club Lane moved back from the travel lane and a "Yield" sign will be placed facing traffic entering Gun Club Lane from property of Ogilvie. The Board voted to authorize the Highway Department, acting on a continuous basis, to fill potholes in the private way portion of Gun Club Lane beyond land of the Town to the crossing of the railroad right of way. This is in recognition of use of Gun Club Lane by the public to access Town Forest and Weston Forest and Trail land and the need to provide unimpeded access for fire and police vehicles. Such minor repairs are to be made with the understanding that they shall not constitute the basis for any claim that the private way has been recognized as a public way.

Voted to approve letter to Commissioner of M.D.C. in support of improvements to Norumbega Road for public safety and convenience.

May 8, 1998

The Board discussed and made revisions to application for Local Initiative Program, Dickson Meadow Affordable Housing. In attendance were Edward Lashman and Edward Marchant. Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, Project Narrative for inclusion in the Application to be submitted to Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development.

May 12, 1998

The Board considered proposal of Massachusetts Highway Department for replacement of Merriam Street bridge over railroad. The Board received several letters and reports expressing opposition to plan. Voted to approve letter to Chief Engineer expressing the Selectmen's position that the bridge be replaced in the same location.

Voted to fix the amount of bonds of the Treasurer and of the Tax Collector at the amount of \$200,000 each, the amount consistent with guidelines of the Department of Revenue. Further voted to authorize the Secretary of the Board to sign certification on each bond. Both certifications were accordingly signed by the Secretary.

May 19, 1998

Voted to elect Ripley E. Hastings as chairman and Douglas P. Gillespie as secretary of the Board for the year 1998-99.

The Board received from the Fire Chief report of bids received for Firefighters Protective Clothing. At the recommendation of the Chief, voted to accept the low bid of Ed Lyons Fire Equipment, Inc., Stoughton, MA, in the amount of \$33,000 for forty (40) sets. Further voted to sign, and signed accordingly in duplicate, acceptance of the bid.

Voted to fix the amount of bond for Assistant Treasurer in the amount of \$50,000, which amount is in accordance with schedule prescribed by the Department of Revenue. Further voted to authorize secretary to sign certification on the bond. The certification was accordingly signed by the secretary.

May 26, 1998

As recommended by the DPW Director, the Board voted to award contracts to the low bidders for five items for Roadway Surfacing, Maintenance and Repair in FY99:

- Item #1 - Bituminous Concrete In Place, awarded to Massachusetts Broken Stone Company, 133 Boston Post Road, Weston, MA.
- Item #2 - Stone Seal Surface Treatment, awarded to All States Asphalt, P.O. Box 91, Sunderland, MA.
- Item #3 - Cold Planing and Profiling Bituminous Surfaces, awarded to Bardon Trimount, Inc., 1831 Broadway, Saugus, MA.
- Item #4 - Bituminous Concrete Crack Filling, awarded to Sealcoating, Inc., 120 Industrial Park Road, Hingham, MA.
- Item #5 - Bituminous Concrete (Picked Up & Delivered), awarded to Massachusetts Broken Stone Company, 133 Boston Post Road, Weston, MA.

June 2, 1998

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly in triplicate Parking Ticket Processing Agreement with Municipal Management Associates, Inc. for term of 3 years beginning June 1, 1998.

Voted to approve renewal of workers compensation insurance with Massachusetts Education and Government Association, Workers Compensation Group, Inc. for fiscal year 1999.

Voted to approve renewal of group health insurance plans for fiscal year 1999 with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Inc. - Blue Care Elect and Blue Choice (H.M.O.); and Harvard Community Health Plan.

Voted to approve recommendations of Traffic Advisory Committee with respect to signs and pavement markings at Ash Street, Reservoir parking areas.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly in quadruplicate, both Chapter 90 Final Report and Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request in the amount of \$59,399.00 under Memorandum of Agreement No. 36458 for purchase of truck.

June 9, 1998

At the request of Charles C. Mayo, Chief of Police, voted to approve application for COPS MORE 98 Grant for technology. Further voted to authorize Chairman to sign the following: Community Policing Information Worksheet (4 copies); Certification of Matching Funds (3 copies); Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (3 copies). The copies were accordingly signed by the Chairman.

At the request of the Headmaster of The Cambridge School of Weston, voted to approve a letter regarding the School's application to the MWRA for a connection to the Authority's sewerage system in the City of Waltham to serve the new performing arts center, stating that the proposed connection is consistent with local and regional growth management plans. The letter was accordingly signed by the Chairman.

Voted that the policy of the Board with respect to compensation for non-union employees for fiscal year 1999 shall be, in general, to provide increases of 3.5%.

June 16, 1998

The Board received quotations for stop loss insurance in connection with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield group health plans for fiscal year 1999. Voted to award a contract to Cook and Company Insurance Agency, Inc. for insurance written by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts as the low quote for \$80,000 specific with \$2,000,000 maximum.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, Amendment to Traffic Rules and Orders to regulate parking in Winter Street.

Voted to approve proposed Statement of Sick Leave Policy for employees not covered by collective bargaining contracts, as revised by the Board to be consistent with changes recently negotiated for DPW employees.

Voted to adopt and sign, and signed accordingly, proposed Family and Medical Leave Policy.

June 23, 1998

The Board received bids for construction of Subsurface Sanitary System, 626 Boston Post Road, Fiske Law Office building. Voted to award a contract to the low bidder, W. C. Rowe Corp., for the lump sum price of \$13,546.20.

Voted to approve request from AMTRAK Commuter Rail Safety for posting Conant Road rail crossing for hazards to low-bed tractor-trailers. The signs will be provided and installed by AMTRAK.

The Board met with Lee Engler, Chairman, Traffic Advisory Committee to consider reports on proposed traffic mitigation measures related to Route 20 and to the intersection of Wellesley Street with Newton Street and School Street. Voted to approve the recommendations made by the Committee, subject to review after six months from the date of implementation. The Committee recommended prohibiting through traffic on Boston Post Road, eastbound, between School Street and Route 20, from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., requiring all cars to turn on School Street and enter Route 20 at the traffic light. At Case's Corner, the Committee recommended requiring northbound Wellesley Street traffic to bear right before the existing island, stop, and turn left in order to proceed through the intersection either to continue on Wellesley Street or School Street. Further, the northbound lane on Wellesley Street to the left of the existing island should be closed, only allowing southbound traffic.

Voted to award contract for removal of underground storage tanks at Fire Station and Police Station to low bidder, Global Contracting Services, Inc. for lump sum of \$7,750, with unit prices for removal of any product from the tanks and disposal of any contaminated soil.

June 30, 1998

Voted to accept the bid of Arlex Oil Corporation, Lexington, MA, dated June 29, 1998, submitted pursuant to Notice to Bidders advertised June 11, 1998, in The Town Crier, Weston, MA, for furnishing and delivering No. 2 fuel oil to various Town buildings for the year ending June 30, 1999, at the New York Journal of Commerce low posting for the Boston market on the day of delivery, plus a firm increment of \$.0447 per gallon, the base price being \$.4100 per gallon on June 3, 1998. This was the lowest bid received. Further voted to sign, and signed accordingly, acceptance of the bid of Arlex Oil Corporation.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly in triplicate, Acceptance of Grant of Easements granted by Fortune Five of Weston, Inc. with respect to Prescott Lane, as approved by Planning Board for Flexible Development Subdivision.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, six copies of Change Order No. 2 to contract with Tornare Construction Corp. for water main installation, Chestnut Street, reducing the contract price by \$37,250 for elimination of permanent paving and infrared patching from the contract.

The Board held a hearing on complaint filed by Kenneth R. Berman, Esq., Counsel for 10 residents of Weston, concerning dogs kept at 111 Walker Road, Weston. Attending the hearing were Mr. Berman, Robert Cronin, Dog Officer; Derek, Cheryl, and Justine Chilvers, 112 Walker Road; Louis Lanzillo, 110 Walker Road; Arthur and Susan DiMartino, 95 Walker Road; Robert White, 23 Chadwick

Road; Patricia Austen, 163 Wellesley Street; and Valerie Crane, 171 Wellesley Street. Leanne Trefry, 111 Walker Road, was unable to attend the hearing, having hand-delivered a letter to the Selectmen earlier in the meeting. All of those attending the hearing spoke about the problem of excessive barking during the daytime hours at 111 Walker Road. Mr. Berman requested that the Board take action to either require the dogs to be muzzled, or, if that does not solve the problem, to order the dogs removed from the property. Because Ms. Trefry was unable to attend the hearing, the Board voted to adjourn the hearing to July 21.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly in duplicate, Form HED-077 certifying amounts expected to be expended in fiscal year 1999 for construction, maintenance, and policing of Town roads.

The Board considered request for American Red Cross to place a box for clothing salvage in Weston. Because the program will be conducted by Windward Trading Group, a for-profit organization, the Board voted to deny this request.

The Board received a copy of a letter filed by William E. Cress, a member of the Elderly Housing Committee, with the Town Clerk disclosing that Vivian Cress, who has been employed as interim Housing Manager for the Brook School Apartments by the Elderly Housing Committee, is his wife. By this letter, Mr. Cress requests approval by the Selectmen of the disclosure and an exemption from Section 20 of Chapter 268A of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Finding that the position of member of the Elderly Housing Committee is classified as special municipal employee, and that Mr. Cress has made appropriate disclosure of his interest in a contract with a member of his family, the Board of Selectmen voted under the authority of M.G.L. Chapter 268A, Section 20(d) that the interest of William E. Cress as the husband of Vivian Cress be exempted from the provisions of Section 20 of M.G.L. Chapter 268A, with respect to his service as a member of the Elderly Housing Committee.

July 7, 1998

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, invoice from Charles A. Goglia, Jr., special counsel, in the amount of \$550 for services with respect to the case Trustee of Garden City Gravel Realty Trust v. Town of Weston for land damages.

Voted to approve the placement of a sign at Audubon Road which says either "Dead End" or "Not a Through Street."

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, purchase order for three new patrol vehicles for Police Department against which three used vehicles are to be traded at \$6,000 total allowance, for the net cost of \$59,000.00.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, purchase order for additional roll-off containers for use in handling yard waste and brush at transfer facility.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, Agreement with Police Superior Officers Union for the period July 1, 1998 to June 30, 2000.

The Board considered bids for furnishing Uniform Work Clothing for employees of the Department of Public Works. Voted to award a contract to the low bidder, W.G.S. Corp., Canton, MA, as recommended by the Director of Operations, D.P.W. Voted to sign, and signed accordingly, acceptance on bid forms.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, change order to contract with Engineered Construction Co., Inc. for three 45 cu. yard. compactor containers for the sum of \$14,250, to be paid for from gift of Weston Recycling Committee Trust.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, warrant for installation of Stop sign in Wellesley Street at Newton Street.

July 14, 1998

The Board considered revised proposal received from Arthur D. Little, Inc. for Independent Review of MWRA Project Risk. In attendance were Ingeborg Uhler, Janice Rossbach, and Tom Doherty. Voted not to proceed at this time with an independent review, but to wait until the design of the project is more finalized to consider this further. The Board discussed sending a response to the FEIR by the August 7 deadline which would identify areas of concern.

Lee Engler attended the meeting to present a letter from the Traffic Advisory Committee regarding the intersection of Route 20 and Highland Street, asking that the Board approach the state about studying this area. The Board asked that Mr. Engler get further input from the Planning Board before any contact is made with the state.

Mr. Engler presented the Traffic Advisory Committee's request that the DPW be authorized to proceed with conceptual designs for roadway maintenance work to be done under Chapter 90 program at the intersection of Route 30 and Wellesley Street and on Route 117. Voted to authorize the Department of Public Works to obtain proposals for the first phase of conceptual design for these projects.

Voted to sign, and signed accordingly, four copies of Traffic Rules Amendment No. 49, adding a stop sign at the intersection of Wellesley Street and Newton Street.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, purchase order for new Ford F-150 Pickup truck for Parks, Cemeteries and Solid Waste Division of DPW.

The Board considered bids received for Chestnut Street-Bituminous Concrete In Place. As recommended by the DPW Director, voted to award the contract to the low bidder, D. Clifford Construction, Norfolk, MA, for an estimated total contract price of \$39,815.

Voted to sign, and signed accordingly in triplicate, agreement with Local 419, I.B.P.O. for the period July 1, 1997 to June 30, 2000.

July 21, 1998

Voted to authorize consulting services for the Board of Appeals in the matter of the application by AMA Funding and Arthur D. Little, Inc. for permit, the extent and cost of such services to be determined.

Voted to approve proposal from LandVest, Real Estate Consulting Group for services in connection with review of Dickson Meadow Market value figures.

July 28, 1998

Voted to approve request of Elderly Housing Committee for permission to post areas of Brook School Apartments against trespass.

The Board received report of filed sub-bids received for repairs to Town Hall and Josiah Smith Tavern. Voted to reject the bid of John W. Egan Co., Inc., the sole unrestricted sub-bid for painting, in accordance with provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 149, Section 44E(1), where less than three unrestricted sub-bids were received and the prices are deemed not reasonable for acceptance without further competition. Further voted to reject the bid of The Aulson Company, Inc. as being incomplete, since it failed to acknowledge receipt of Addendum #2.

August 4, 1998

The Board considered a draft Order of Restraint with respect to dogs kept at 111 Walker Street by Leanne Trefry. After discussion and modification of the draft, the Board voted to approve the Order and authorized the Chairman to sign the order.

Voted to fix the amount of bond of Town Clerk at \$35,000, being the amount determined in compliance with guidelines of Department of Revenue. Further voted to authorize the Secretary of the Board to sign certification thereof on the bond to be filed with Selectmen. The certification was accordingly signed by the Secretary.

The Board received report of bids for Hydrostatic Vibratory Roller for use of the Department of Public Works. Voted to award a contract to the low bidder, Abbott Rental & Sales, for the sum of \$9,895.00, as recommended by the Director of Operations, and to sign acceptance of the bid, which was accordingly signed.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, Agreement for services of Metro West Engineering, Inc. in connection with wetlands permitting for water service connections to be installed under MWRA Program to provide alternate source of water supply to residences with wells.

Voted to approve payment of \$270 to Hugh Jones for loam provided by Mr. Jones during relocation of his water service by the Town, as recommended by the Public Works Advisory Committee.

August 11, 1998

The Board received from Library Trustees report of resignation of Kate Greswold as a Trustee. Voted to schedule a joint meeting with remaining members of Board of Library Trustees on Tuesday, September 1, 1998, at 7:45 p.m.

The Board considered letters from Town Counsel concerning footpath on Conservation land adjacent to Concord Road and Merriam Street. Regarding the question of obtaining the protection of Chapter 84, Section 15, relative to liability of the Town, by having the footpath laid out, the Board voted to refer the issue to George Bates, Chairman of the Conservation Commission.

As recommended by Richard C. Nota, voted to approve change order in the net amount of \$3,248.00 to Agreement with Woodard & Curran, Inc. for establishment of a computer hydraulic model.

Voted to confirm Richard C. Nota as Transportation Improvement Program Contact to M.A.P.C.

August 18, 1998

The Board received report of Town Counsel concerning bids for Town Hall and Josiah Smith Tavern Repairs. Voted to reject the general bids of two bidders as non-responsive: Land Construction Co. and Langton & Douglas Contracting, Inc. Further voted to award a contract to Air Safe Contracting, Attleboro, MA, for the total price of \$187,200, which includes alternates 1-4.

Voted to adopt and sign warrant for State Primary to be held on Tuesday, September 15, 1998. Further voted that attested copies of said warrant be posted at the Town Hall, at the Kendal Green railroad station, at the Transfer Station and on the Town bulletin board at the north entrance of Weston High School on Wellesley Street, seven days at least before the time appointed for the Primary.

The Board received from the Traffic Advisory Committee three letter reports with respect to the following: a) Case's Corner, b) Route 20 and Highland Street, and c) Traffic Mitigation Proposal for Boston Post Road. The Board voted to refer Lee Engler, Chairman of the Traffic Advisory Committee, to the District Highway Engineer, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for further discussion of the proposal for Boston Post Road.

Voted to approve and authorize Secretary to sign Amendment to Agreement with Cafeteria Plan Advisors, Inc. for services in administering Town's Section 125 Benefit Plan for the plan years ending June 30, 1998, 1999 and 2000. The Amendment was accordingly signed by Mr. Gillespie.

September 1, 1998

The Board held a joint meeting with William Hartmann, Meredith Stevens, Karen Benjamin, Rob Kulow, and Tod Foote, Board of Library Trustees to elect a new member to replace Kate Greswold, who has resigned from the Board. By unanimous roll call vote, the two Boards elected Pamela Wood to fill the vacancy until the next Town election.

Voted to approve award by the Tree Warden of a contract to Phil Mastroianni Corp., the low bidder, for tree services for FY99.

The Board considered recommendation of the DPW Director regarding bids received for purchase of two heavy duty trucks. Voted to accept the bid of

McDevitt Truck Sales, the only bidder to comply with all of the Town’s specifications. The acceptance was accordingly signed on the bidding documents.

The Board received from MA Highway Dept. notice of funds authorized for Weston under Chapter 11 of the Acts of 1997, in the amount of \$349,395. Voted to sign, and signed accordingly, the Memorandum of Agreement regarding the use of these funds.

The Board met with Jonathan White concerning request for approval of a change in location of drainage easement on property at Montvale Road. Voted to approve and assent to a document entitled “Declaration of Relocation of Easement” with respect to Lot 17A and to sign certification of approval of the Town of Weston thereon.

September 8, 1998

At the request of Richard C. Nota, DPW Director, voted to accept an Easement on property of Strassman Realty Trust, Lexington Street for access to a water meter pit. The Easement was accordingly signed.

The Board considered the maturity date for bond anticipation notes to be issued as of September 30, 1998 to refinance outstanding bond anticipation notes. It was voted to advise the Town Treasurer that the Selectmen would approve a new maturity date of January 15, 1999.

September 15, 1998

Voted to execute Agreements under MunEnergy Program of Massachusetts Municipal Association: (a) Municipal Energy Consulting Agreement between Town and NEChoice, LLC; and (b) NEC Customer Contract between Town and Select Energy (the Energy Supply Agreement).

The Board considered bids for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, to be held Saturday, October 17, 1998. Voted to award a contract to Clean Venture, Inc., the only bid received pursuant to advertising.

September 23, 1998

The Board met with Mark S. Good, Treasurer and Collector, and M. Elizabeth Nolan, Town Clerk, to consider, approve and sign bond anticipation notes in the amounts and for the purposes listed as follows; and to consider, approve and sign tax anticipation notes in the amount of \$2,500,000.

Total BANS Maturing:

High School Architectural & Engineering Services	\$850,000
High School Renovations	\$14,150,000
Church Street Land Acquisition	\$1,700,000
Lay and Relay Water Mains	\$465,000
Fire Pumper	\$105,000
Computer Hardware	\$160,000
Computer Software	\$85,000
Linwood Cemetery Improvements	\$120,000

Middle School Architectural & Engineering Services	\$740,000
Sewage Disposal Study	\$15,000
Recreation Building-Architectural Services	\$25,000
Voting Equipment	\$20,000

New BANS:

Recreation/COA Building-Architectural Services	\$75,000
Lay and Relay Water Mains	\$350,000
Computer Hardware	\$20,000
Country School Architectural & Engineering Services	\$35,000
Middle School Renovations	\$4,000,000
Town Hall & Former Library Architectural & Engineering Services	\$75,000

The Board voted: That all action taken by the Town Treasurer in advertising for public sale of the \$22,990,000 Bond Anticipation Note (Municipal Purpose Loan of 1997) (the "BAN") of the Town, issued in anticipation of bonds authorized pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7,8 and 16, and the \$2,500,000 Revenue Anticipation Note (the "RAN") of the Town, issued in anticipation of revenue authorized pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 4, (collectively the "Notes") of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended and supplemented, and by votes of the Town duly adopted and, described herein, be and hereby is ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted:

That the Notes shall be dated as of September 30, 1998, shall mature on January 15, 1999, shall be numbered consecutively and subject to the provisions of this vote, shall be in such forms, of such denominations and contain such other details as the Town Treasurer and a majority of the Board of Selectmen shall determine or approve by their execution of the Notes;

That the Notes shall originally be issued by means of a book-entry system evidencing ownership and transfer of the Notes; and in the event of failure or termination of the book-entry system, BankBoston, N.A., in Boston, Massachusetts shall issue replacement notes in the form of fully registered certificates;

That BankBoston, N.A., in Burlington, Massachusetts shall certify the Notes as to their genuineness;

That said BankBoston, N.A., in Boston, Massachusetts shall act as Transfer Agent and Paying Agent therefor;

That the Notes shall bear interest and are hereby sold and awarded as follows:

BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Note No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Premium</u>
Bank Boston, N.A.	R-1	\$10,000,000	3.50%	\$4,107.04
Commerce Capital Markets	R-2	\$12,990,000	3.70%	\$12,233.87

REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE

<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Note No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Premium</u>
BankBoston, N.A.	R-1	\$2,500,000	3.50%	\$952.74

That the Board of Selectmen and the Town Treasurer be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a Material Events Disclosure Certificate generally as described in the official statement relating to the Notes and to incorporate by reference thereto in the Notes such Certificate both in such form as the signatures may approve by their execution thereof, and the obligation of the Town contained in such certificate is hereby approved and confirmed,

That the Board of Selectmen, the Treasurer and the Town Clerk be and hereby are, and each of them severally is, authorized to take such action, and to execute and deliver such certificates, receipts, or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing vote,

That the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized to prepare and deliver the Notes to the aforesaid purchaser or order against payment in full of the agreed purchase price.

The Signature, Award, and No Litigation Certificate, Non-Arbitrage Certificates, Material Events Disclosure Certificate, and three Notes were accordingly signed by the Board.

Voted to approve recommendation from Chief of Police for a "Children" warning sign for Forest Ridge Road.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, purchase order under state contract for new telephone equipment and system for Town Hall, in the amount of \$23,960.74.

Voted to sign, and signed accordingly in quadruplicate, collective bargaining Agreement with Town of Weston Employees Association, National Association of Government Employees, Local R1-205 for period July 1, 1998 to June 30, 2001.

Voted to authorize action to enforce by-laws with respect to premises at 809-811 Boston Post Road.

Voted to sign, and signed accordingly in quadruplicate, collective bargaining agreement with MLSA, MFT, AFT, AFL-CIO, for period July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999.

Voted to sign, and signed accordingly, Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request and Chapter 90 Final Report to the Massachusetts Highway Department for Memorandums of Agreement #37163 and #36458, in the respective amounts of \$93,560 and \$262,540.

September 29, 1998

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, Amendment No. 1, in the amount of \$7,965.00, to Agreement dated March 17, 1998 between Town of Weston and Beta Engineering, Inc. for engineering services, removal of underground storage tanks, for additional work related to soil and groundwater contamination at Weston Fire Station.

The Board received report of bids for furnishing and delivering screened or washed sand for use of the Department of Public Works for ice and snow control. At the recommendation of the DPW Director, voted to award a contract to the low bidder, J. Melone & Sons, Inc. of Stow, Massachusetts, for the price of \$6.25 per ton delivered.

The Board met with Katharine Chace, member of the Traffic Advisory Committee, to discuss traffic issues at Case's Corner, Route 20 at Highland Street, Boston Post Road, and Lexington Street. The Board voted to approve the replacement of the orange barrels at Case's Corner with permanent structures.

Voted to authorize Chairman to sign Appendix 3, List of Accounts and Switching Agreement, of NEChoice LLC Customer Contract with Select Energy, Inc. Appendix 3 was accordingly signed by the Chairman.

The Board considered Sections 148-150 of Chapter 101 of Acts of 1998 which changes licensing provisions for Hawkers and Peddlers. The Board voted not to initiate local licensing at this time, but instead, to retain the present practice of requiring a state license.

Voted to approve and authorize Town Administrator and Chairman of Board to sign Audit Services Contract with McKenna & Company for years ending June 30, 1998 and 1999.

Voted to approve on a trial basis carpentry work on Saturdays at the MWRA site on Loring Road, to be limited to the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., as recommended by the Working Group.

October 6, 1998

Voted to adopt and sign, and signed accordingly, the warrant for special town meeting to be held on Monday, October 26, 1998. Further voted that attested copies of said warrant be posted at the Town Hall, at the Kendal Green railroad station, and on the Town bulletin board at the north entrance of Weston High School on Wellesley Street fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

The Board met with Paul J. Donahue, Jr. to discuss his letter regarding provisions for handicap access to various school properties. Voted to refer Mr. Donahue's letter to the School Committee for response and advice to the Selectmen concerning actions which may be taken.

The Board considered the bid for furnishing a new Rescue Truck for the Fire Department. Voted to approve acceptance by the Fire Chief of the bid of Greenwood Fire Apparatus, Inc. in the amount of \$154,250.00, to be paid from funds granted by M.W.R.A. in connection with MetroWest Water Supply Tunnel Project.

Voted to accept the bid of Air Safe Contracting, Inc. for Painting sub-contract-Repairs to Town Hall and Josiah Smith Tavern, and to approve increase in the total contract amount for the project to \$205,600.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, contract with Clean Ventures, Inc. for Hazardous Waste Collection Day, October 24, 1998.

October 13, 1998

Voted to rescind the vote adopted on Tuesday, October 6, 1998, to sign a warrant for a special town meeting, October 26, 1998.

The Board considered report of Chief of Police for modification of speed limit on Wellesley Street in the vicinity of Weston High School and Middle School. As recommended, voted to establish a consistent speed zone of 35 m.p.h. from the Wellesley Town line for a distance of 1.98 miles northerly.

The Board voted to approve placement of signs in Cliff Road as proposed by Police Chief and Community Services Officer: "School Bus Stop Ahead" and "Blind Driveway."

The Board received report from DPW Director concerning Transfer Station Site Work contract. Voted to award a contract to the low bidder, Christopher P. Moran, d/b/a C. Moran Landscape of Framingham, for the price of \$22,991.37.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, acceptance by Historical Commission of Preservation Restriction with respect to property at 39 Crescent Street.

October 20, 1998

Voted to adopt and sign, and signed accordingly, the warrant for State Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 1998. Further voted that attested copies thereof be posted at the Town Hall, at Kendal Green railroad station and on the Town bulletin board at the North entrance of Weston High School on Wellesley Street seven days at least before the time appointed for said election.

The Board met at 8:00 p.m. with Mark S. Good, Town Treasurer and M. Elizabeth Nolan, Town Clerk, to consider, vote to approve and sign loan to borrow \$142,000 for remodeling reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to school buildings.

Voted that the Town of Weston intends to finance, on an interim basis, certain preliminary costs of repair of roofs of school buildings which costs are reasonably expected to be reimbursed with the proceeds of bonds to be issued by the Town, pursuant to the vote of the Town duly adopted as follows:

<u>Town Meeting</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Maximum Principal Amount</u>	<u>Project or Purpose</u>
May 10, 1995	6	\$142,000	Repair roofs of School Buildings

Further voted that this vote is a declaration of official intent adopted pursuant to the requirements of United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.103-18(a) through 1.103-18(1).

Further voted to sign, and signed accordingly, two copies of Report of Advance of Funds in Lieu of Borrowing.

The Board met with Earl Forman concerning request to Weston Town-Wide Working Group for funds for monitoring work by MWRA and its contractor for compliance with final orders relating to wetlands and Norumbega Storage Tank project, part of MetroWest Water Supply Tunnel Program. Voted to approve and authorize Chairman to sign request to MetroWest Growth Management Committee for \$15,000. The request was accordingly signed.

The Board considered with Richard Nota possible use of 1987 bond authorization for equipment at transfer facility. Voted to retain \$150,000 of the \$500,000 authorization, and to propose rescinding \$350,000 at next town meeting.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, Acceptance of Grant of Easement for water line in new subdivision road named Drumlin Road.

The Board received from Edward M. Dickson Notice of Intent (pursuant to M.G.L. c. 61A. section 14) to convert additional land to use other than agriculture or horticulture. Voted to refer this matter to the Chapter Lands Committee.

Voted to approve and sign acceptance by Conservation Commission of Deed of land of Gormley (formerly Grinrod) off Royat Road.

Voted to approve and authorize Town Administrator to sign Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$15,172, to Agreement with Global Contracting Services, Inc. for Underground Storage Tank Removal.

October 27, 1998

Voted to approve form of Notice of Meeting, November 17, at which the Notice of Intent to change use of additional land from agricultural and horticultural for development of mixed income homeownership community (Dickson Meadows Project) will be considered.

Voted to approve expenditure from appropriation for Alcohol & Drug Education Advisory Committee in the amount of \$800 to develop Health Education Curriculum for Grade 9, Weston Public Schools.

As recommended by Director of Operations, D.P.W., voted to award contract for road salt to Eastern Salt Company, Inc. at \$26.00 per ton delivered, pursuant to cooperative bid conducted by City of Newton.

Voted to award contracts for snow removal equipment to the following contractors, at various unit prices per hour:

Associated Excavating Inc., 656 Boston Post Road, Marlboro, MA

W.C. Rowe, 31R Warren Avenue, Weston, MA, 02493

Susan's Lawn Service, 28 Hillcrest Street, Waltham, MA, 02451

G.H. Tuttle, 10 Archer Avenue, Milford, MA 01757

Stephen G. Neary, 12 Pierce Street, Hudson, MA, 01749

Slim Landscape Gardener, 323 Oakland Street, Wellesley Hills, MA, 02482

Further voted to authorize preparation of contracts and bonds for execution by the successful bidders.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, contract with Snelling & Hamel Associates for preparation of layout plans for footways.

November 4, 1998

Voted to approve and authorize Secretary to sign application for Permit to Access State Highway for purpose of installing a sign. The application was accordingly signed.

The Board received from U.S. E.P.A. notice of Reapplication Requirements for NPDES Permit MA 0033031. Voted to authorize the employment of SEA Consultants, Inc. for assistance in filing the required application forms.

November 10, 1998

The Board conducted interviews of designers selected by the Committee to Renovate Town Hall and the former Library:

- 8:00 p.m. Ann Beha Associates
- 8:30 p.m. Todd Lee-Clark-Rozas Associates
- 9:00 p.m. Stahl Associates

Also present for the interviews were Robin Reisman, Zibby Ericson, Andy Marvel, Michael Harrity, Susan Beane, and Judy Barro, members of the Committee to Renovate Town Hall and the Former Library. After discussing the matter with the Committee, the Board voted to select Ann Beha Associates to provide designer services in connection with the Renovation and Reconfiguration of the Weston Town Hall and former Public Library Building. The Board ranked Stahl Associates its second preference and Todd Lee-Clark-Rozas Associates its third. The reasons for selecting Ann Beha Associates will be set forth in a statement to be adopted at a later meeting.

Voted to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Change Order Number One to contract with C. Moran Landscape for Transfer Station Site Work in the amount of \$9,916.67. The Change Order was accordingly signed in quadruplicate.

The Board received a letter from Valerie Crane and Robert Stengel reporting barking by dogs of Leanne Trefry has resumed and asking for further action. Voted to hold a hearing on Tuesday, November 24, 1998 to consider action to be taken.

November 17, 1998

At 8:00 p.m., the Board considered Notice of Intent received from Edward M. Dickson to modify the area of his land to be converted from agricultural or horticultural use for conveyance, as a charitable gift, to TCB, Inc. for development of a mixed income homeownership community. Edward Marchant and Laurie McTigue, TCB, Inc.; Polly Dickson; Ken Fish, Eleanor and Cameron Searle, members of the Dickson's Advisory Committee; Joanne DeAngelis, 3 Sanderson Lane, Kathy Fennell, 20 Highland Street, and other abutters were in attendance. Mrs. Dickson and Mr. Marchant explained that the modification of the land given for the housing development benefits the development by eliminating the need

for several setback variances and allows an existing field and stone wall to remain undeveloped. Mr. Hastings suggested that unless there were serious objections, he felt there was not reason to wait the full 120 day period to make the decision. Ms. Fennell raised concerns about the number of units in the development and wondered if the proposal shouldn't be scaled back to "better fit the land" rather than making the proposed changes. Mrs. Nichols countered that the development needs to pay for itself and suggested that Ms. Fennell's concerns would be more appropriately raised at the ZBA hearing for the Comprehensive Permit. There were no other objections raised.

Voted that the Board decline to exercise the Town's rights under Chapter 61A with respect to the approximately .35 acre of land as described in the Notice under Chapter 61A, Sec. 14 submitted to the Board on October 14, 1998, by Edward M. Dickson, and further that the Board formally waive, on behalf of the Town, the right to purchase the land on any terms provided under G.L.C. 61A, Sec. 14.

The Board considered bids received for portable radios for the Police Department. As recommended by Chief Mayo, voted to accept the bid of the low bidder, Bay State Communications, Inc., for the price of \$28,125.00, less trade-in allowance for old radios in the amount of \$9,125.00, making a net cost to the Town of \$19,000.

November 24, 1998

The Board met with Leanne Trefry to consider a written complaint by Valerie Crane and Robert Stengel and complaints made to Weston Police Department that dogs kept by her at 111 Walker Street have been barking in violation of the Order of Restraint adopted by the Selectmen on August 4, 1998. She offered explanations for each of the instances cited verbally by the Selectmen, but asked to have copies of the complaints furnished to her before action by the Selectmen to modify or enforce its Order of Restraint. Because of pending hospitalization, Leanne Trefry stated she would not be able to attend a hearing before the first of the new year. She gave assurances that a responsible person would attend to and control the barking of the dogs in keeping with the Order at such time as she is not available because of the planned hospitalization and recuperation.

The Board voted to postpone further consideration until Tuesday, January 12, 1999, with the provision that any additional complaint verified by Police will require action in keeping with the existing order, and to furnish copies of all complaints to Leanne Trefry.

The Board met at 9:15 with Lee Engler concerning a variety of items. Voted to approve the construction of permanent islands at Case's Corner.

The Board received from Massachusetts Municipal Association signed Municipal Energy Consulting Agreement and N.E. Choice LLC Customer Contract. Voted to authorize filing of reports and copies of the contracts with the following state agencies as received by Chapter 164, Acts of 1997: Department of Telecommunication and Energy, Division of Energy Resources, Office of the Inspector General.

The Board received letter from the Planning Board reporting the view that the old fire station located on North Avenue should not be razed and removed because of its “historic significance.” The Board voted to ask the Planning Board for suggestions for use of this long vacant building.

Upon request from the Treasurer and Collector, voted to grant permission to discontinue water service to the National Organization of New Apostolic Church at 680 South Avenue, for failure to pay charges.

The Board received from the Planning Board request for amendments to the Zoning By-Law. Voted to refer back to Planning Board for hearing and report.

Voted to sign, and signed accordingly, contract with Eastern Salt Company, Inc. for furnishing and delivering road salt for ice control to the Town of Weston for year ending June 30, 1999.

The Board considered list of trees proposed to be removed. Voted to proceed with posting of trees and advertising hearing for removal of those not on scenic roads.

December 1, 1998

The Board considered with the Town Treasurer and Town Clerk proposals for sale of revenue anticipation notes in the amount of \$3,750,000. The Board adopted the following votes:

Voted that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen borrow \$3,750,000 by the issue and sale of a note or notes in anticipation of revenue as authorized by M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 4.

Further voted that one note in the amount of \$3,750,000 authorized to be issued by Selectmen earlier, shall be issued, shall be dated December 8, 1998, shall mature January 29, 1999, that the interest rate shall be fixed at the percent per annum set forth below, payable at maturity and that the Director of Accounts of the Bureau of Accounts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall certify as to the genuineness of these notes.

<u>Number of Note</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
1009	\$3,750,000	3.46

Further voted to approve the sale of said notes to purchasers as follows:
Note 1009 to BankBoston

Further voted that the Town Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to deliver said notes to the aforesaid purchaser or order against payment therefor.

Further voted to sign and signed accordingly the said note number 1009, Certificate of Town Clerk, Treasurer’s record of the issue of said note under State House note 1009, Certificate and covenant as to tax exempt status of the note, and approval of request by Treasurer to the Director of Accounts for forwarding of said note to the specified banks after certification.

The Board received from Director of Operations, D.P.W., recommendation for award of contracts to low bidders for furnishing and delivering construction materials for the period ending June 30, 1999, as follows:

E. H. Perkins Construction, Inc., for

Item No. 1: Gravel Borrow - Type B

Kingstown Corporation, for

Item No. 2: Gravel Borrow - Type C

Item No. 3: Processed Gravel

Item No. 4: Crushed Stone

Item No. 5: Dense Graded Crushed Stone

Item No. 6: Topsoil/Plantable Soil Borrow

Voted to approve the recommendation and award contracts to the above bidders. Further voted to authorize preparation of contracts and bonds for execution by the bidders.

The Board held a public hearing in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 56, as amended, for the purpose of receiving oral or written information from interested persons on matters relating to local property tax policies. The hearing was attended by Donald B. Myers and Stewart C. Woodworth III, Board of Assessors, and Sebastian Tine, Principal Assessor. After presentation of financial data concerning alternatives available under the applicable statutes, the Board voted as follows:

Voted (1) that there should not be a distinction among the tax rates assigned to a) residential, b) open space, c) commercial, d) industrial, and e) personal property; (2) that a residential factor of 1.00 should be used; (3) that open space not be classified at a percentage less than 100 of its full and fair cash value; (4) that an exemption not be applied to residential parcels which are the principal residence of the property taxpayer as used by the taxpayer for state income tax purposes; and (5) that an exemption not be established for commercial properties meeting the following requirements: a) occupied as of January 1, 1998 by a business with an average annual employment of no more than ten during the previous calendar year, as certified by the Commissioner of the Department of Employment and Training, and b) having a valuation of less than one million dollars. Further voted to sign, and signed accordingly, certificate to Department of Revenue setting forth the adoption of property classification percentages resulting from the foregoing vote.

Voted to approve and authorize Elizabeth D. Nichols to sign, Statement of Reasons for selecting Ann Beha Associates, Inc. to provide designer services for renovation and reconfiguration of Weston Town Hall and former Public Library Building. The Statement was accordingly signed by Mrs. Nichols.

December 8, 1998

The Board received from Chief of Fire Department report of bids for purchase of used 1987 Ford pick-up truck. Voted to approve sale of the truck to the high bidder, Donald F. Lunny, for the price of \$2,565.00.

Voted to adopt and sign, and signed accordingly, warrant for Special Town Meeting to be held Wednesday, January 6, 1999. Further voted that attested copies of said warrant be posted at Town Hall, at the Kendal Green railroad station and on the Town bulletin board at the North entrance of Weston High School on Wellesley Street, fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

December 15, 1998

The Board considered Preservation Restriction Agreement between Town of Weston and David Valletta and Robert Buonato, Trustees of R.A.D. Algonquin Realty Trust with respect to premises 171 Church Street. Voted to approve and authorize Clerk of the Board to sign certificate of approval on three copies of agreement. The certificate of approval was accordingly signed in triplicate.

December 29, 1998

The Board met with Thomas Lindberg and John Kaplan of MWRA, Earl Forman, Chairman of the MWRA Town-Wide Working Group, and John E. Thorburn, Chief of Fire Department to consider a proposed First Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between Massachusetts Water Resources Authority and Town of Weston. Mr. Lindberg explained that a change in location of Shaft N at the Norumbega Reservoir site prompted a review of the blasting provisions in the M.O.A. The amendment modifies Part IV, Section 1.7, Fire-Safety-Blasting, Subsections (d) and (e). Favorable recommendations were received from Mr. Forman and Chief Thorburn. The provision had been approved by John W. Giorgio, Esq., Town Counsel.

The Board voted unanimously to approve and sign, in triplicate, the First Amendment, which was accordingly signed and delivered to Thomas Lindberg to obtain the signature of the authorized officer of MWRA.

The Board received the recommendations to the Board of Selectmen by the Committee to Study Procedures for Action Pursuant to MGL. Chapter 61, 61A and 61B. Voted to accept the recommendations and to adopt them as the guidelines for action by the Board of Selectmen. Further voted to discharge the Committee with thanks for work well done.

Voted to approve the Town's participation in the MunEnergy program for procurement of natural gas.

TOWN RECORDS 1998

(condensed)

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

May 9, 1998

Pursuant to a warrant duly, served the Annual Town Election was called to order in the Field School Gymnasium by Warden Susan Banghart, at 8:00 a.m. on May 9, 1998, for the election of Town Officers.

Ms. Banghart swore the election officers to the faithful performance of their duties.

The total ballots cast were as follows:

Precincts 1 and 2	567
Precincts 3 and 4	423
Total	990

Moderator (for one year)

Robert M. Buchanan, 111 Summer St., Caucus Nominee	791
Blanks	188
Scattering	'11

Selectman (for three years)

Douglas P. Gillespie, 751 Boston Post Rd., Caucus Nom.	752
Blanks	225
Scattering	9

Town Clerk (for three years)

M. Elizabeth Nolan, 693 Boston Post Rd. Caucus Nominee	814
Blanks	176

Assessor (for three years)

Stewart C. Woodworth, III, 20 Sherburn Cir., Caucus Nom.	760
Blanks	230

School Committee (for three years) (vote for two)

Katharine T. Smith, 4 Chiltern Road, Caucus Nominee	715
Maureen S. Ecker, 138 Summer Street, Caucus Nominee	754
Blanks	506
Scattering	5

<u>Library Trustees (for three years) (vote for two)</u>	
Karen Benjamin, 97 Sunset Road, Caucus Nominee	791
Meredith B. Stevens, 89 Cherry Brook Rd., Caucus Nom.	715
Blanks	501
Scattering	3

<u>Board of Health (for three years)</u>	
Nicholas G. Guerina, 28 Pine Street, Caucus Nominee	740
Blanks	249
Scattering	1

<u>Commissioner of Trust Funds (for three years)</u>	
S. Melvin Rines, 21 Sudbury Road, Caucus Nominee	723
Blanks	266
Scattering	1

<u>Measurers of Lumber (for three years)</u> <i>(vote for three)</i>	
Glenn Brewster, 54 Oxbow Road, Caucus Nominee	665
F. Douglas Garron, 803 South Avenue, Caucus Nominee	676
Adam D. Hyde, 487 Wellesley Street, Caucus Nominee	670
Blanks	955
Scattering	4

<u>Planning Board (for five years)</u>	
Lee C. Fernandez, 16 Love Lane, Caucus Nominee	728
Blanks	260
Scattering	2

<u>Planning Board (for four years)</u> <i>(to fill a vacancy)</i>	
Pamela W. Fox, 98 Love Lane, Caucus Nominee	734
Blanks	252
Scattering	2

<u>Recreation Commission (for three years)</u> <i>(vote for two)</i>	
Ella Warren (Winky) Merrill, 420 Concord Rd., Caucus Nominee	771
Julie S. Pemberton, 214 Church Street, Caucus Nominee	705
Blanks	503
Scattering	1

Question No. 1:

Shall the Town of Weston be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to provide the funds with which to lay and relay water mains not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter?

Yes 795

No 157

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SUMMARY

General Laws, Chapter 59, provides for exemption from the two and one-half percent tax levy limit of the amounts required to pay for certain bond issues.

Question 1 would so exempt the bonds to be issued for the stated purpose. If a majority so votes, the 1998 Annual Town Meeting to be held on May eleventh will be asked to consider the appropriation to be financed by the bond issue. The bonded amount requested to be appropriated and exempted is \$350,000.00 to lay and relay water mains of not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter. At the Annual Town Meeting an affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present and voting will be required to authorize such a bond issue.

Question No. 2:

Shall the Town of Weston be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to provide the funds with which to purchase for conservation and other purposes land containing approximately 4.7 acres, located on Church Street, numbered 153 and designated as parcel 18-30 on the Assessors maps of the Town?

Yes 784

No 174

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SUMMARY

General Laws, Chapter 59, provides for exemption from the two and one-half percent tax levy limit of the amounts required to pay for certain bond issues.

Question 2 would so exempt the bonds issued for the stated purpose. The bonded amount requested to be exempted is \$1,700,000.00 having been appropriated under Article 15 of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting 1997. The exemption shall be deemed approved if a majority of the persons voting thereon shall vote "Yes."

Question No. 3:

Shall the Town of Weston be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the additional bonds issued for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing an addition

or additions to Weston Middle School and for remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to the present Middle School?

Yes 779

No 199

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SUMMARY

General Laws, Chapter 59, provides for exemption from the two and one-half percent tax levy limit of the amounts required to pay for certain bond issues.

Question 3 would so exempt the bonds to be issued for the stated purpose. If a majority so votes, the 1998 Annual Town Meeting to be held May eleventh will be asked to consider an additional appropriation to be financed by bond issue. The bonded amount requested to be appropriated and exempted is \$3,500,000.00 for the cost of additions and renovations to the Weston Middle School and all incidental costs related thereto. This sum is in addition to the amount of \$742,000.00 authorized by Special Town Meeting held December 9, 1996 and the amount of \$10,058,000.00 authorized by Annual Town Meeting, May 12, 1997, the total amount of \$10,800,000.00 having been exempted by Annual Town Meeting, May 10, 1997. At the 1998 Annual Town Meeting an affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present and voting will be required to authorize such additional bond issue.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 11, 1998

Pursuant to the warrant, duly served, Robert M. Buchanan, the Moderator, called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. on May 11, 1998 in the Weston High School Auditorium. The Moderator declared a quorum present and proceeded with the reading of the Warrant and Return of Service.

The Moderator appointed the following tellers and swore them to their duties:

Susan Banghart
Edward Coburn

Blake Munson
Elly Pendergast

The Moderator welcomed visitors and outlined procedures to be followed; warned about brevity and requested that citizens give their names and addresses before speaking.

ARTICLE 1: To transfer and/or appropriate additional money from available funds ("Free Cash") such appropriations to be for the current fiscal year, for the following purposes:

Contributory Retirement - Middlesex
 Police Department- Salaries
 Fire Department - Salaries
 Fire Department - Expenses
 Public Works - Salaries - All Other
 Public Works - Snow and Ice
 Control-Expenses
 Recreation - Special Programs -
 Reimbursable Expenditures

Voted: that the following amounts of additional money be appropriated for the current fiscal year from available funds (Free Cash) for the following purposes:

Contributory Retirement - Middlesex	\$ 33,469.00
Fire Department - Expenses	24,780.00
Public Works - Salaries - All Other	29,650.00
Public Works - Snow and Ice Control - Expenses	45,360.00
Recreation - Special Programs - Reimbursable	
Expenditures	<u>25,000.00</u>
	\$ 158,259.00

A motion to dissolve the Special Town Meeting was made, seconded and adopted at 7:37 p.m.

During the period between the dissolution of the Special Town Meeting and the appointed time for the commencement of the Annual Town Meeting Joseph W. Mullin read the following statement:

"Resolutions for persons retiring from Town offices, 1997-1998 were not presented at the Annual Town Meeting. Following is a list of persons who have left or are leaving office whose service to the Town is greatly appreciated and should be duly recognized."

<u>Elected Officers:</u>		<u>Served Since</u>
Joseph W. Mullin	Selectman	1989
Jeri F. Cooper	School Committee	1989
Robert C. Millen, Jr.	Recreation Commission	1986
Elizabeth H. Munro	Planning Board	1988
Barbara Landy	Planning Board	1993
William D. Cochran, M.D.	Board of Health	1983
Doris Atwood Sullivan	Board of Library Trustees	1985
Dorothy B. Robbins	Board of Library Trustees	1989

Officers Appointed by the Board of Selectmen:

Claude F. Valle, Jr.	Board of Appeals	1991
Richard W. Albrecht (deceased)	Conservation Commission	1990
Alice W. Douglas	Council on Aging	1995
Una Fleischman	Council on Aging	1993
F. Douglas Garron	Council on Aging	1990
Alice W. Douglas	Cultural Council	1994
Robert Davis Brown	Housing Needs Committee	1993
John S. Ingalls	Housing Needs Committee	1993
Eleanor R. Searle	Housing Needs Committee	1986
Claude F. Valle, Jr.	E. Middlesex Mosquito Control Project	1975
Robert Norton (deceased)	Recycling Education Committee	1996

Officers Appointed by Moderator:

Ripley E. Hastings	Finance Committee	1995
Ann G. Leibowitz	Finance Committee(also from 1983-1991)	1997
Noel Estes	Weston-Rombas Affiliation Committee	1995
Mary Perriello	Elderly Housing Committee	1991
George P. Bates	Sewer Committee	1974
Susan E. Dumaine	Sewer Committee	1977
Douglas Henderson	Sewer Committee	1977

Officers Appointed by School Committee:

John A. Stayn	Interim Superintendent of Schools until 6/30/98	8/15/97
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Selectmen with some of the honorees at May 31 reception held for retiring Town Officials.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 11, 1998

Pursuant to the warrant, duly served, Robert M. Buchanan, the Moderator, called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:45 P.M. on May 11, 1998 in the Weston High School Auditorium and Gymnasium. The Moderator declared a quorum present and proceeded with the reading of the Warrant and Return of Service.

The tellers for the Special Town Meeting were re-appointed by the Moderator for the Annual Town Meeting. Connie Davis and Joseph Sieber were appointed as tellers in the Gymnasium and sworn in.

The Moderator welcomed visitors and outlined procedures to be followed; warned about brevity and requested that citizens give their names and addresses before speaking.

ARTICLE 1: M. Elizabeth Nolan, Town Clerk, read the results of the Annual Town Election.

ARTICLE 2: To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the costs of government and other Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998, and to fix the salaries and compensation of elected officers of the Town on an annual basis for the said period.

Ripley Hastings **moved (1):** that several sums of money recommended by the Selectmen to be raised and appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998 in accordance with Section 5 of Article II of the By-Laws, as amended, set forth in pages 6 through 18 of the report entitled "Appropriations Recommended for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1999" be raised and appropriated for their respective purposes as set forth on said pages.

Ann Leibowitz reported that the Finance Committee unanimously supports this budget.

Mr. Hastings' motion was adopted unanimously.

The following appropriations for fiscal Year 1999 were approved under Article 2(1) of the warrant for the 1998 Annual Town Meeting held on May 11, 1998:

BUDGET

General Government and Unclassified

Selectmen	
Expenses	6,000.00
Consulting and Professional Services+	25,000.00
MetroWest Growth Management Committee	6,312.00
Audit Municipal Accounts+	11,000.00
Recycling & Energy Conservation+	5,000.00
Town Administrator	
Salary	97,393.00
Asst. Town Administrator -Salary	50,045.00
Expenses	995.00
Finance Committee	2,415.00
Elections and Registration	19,655.00
Town Reports	13,100.00
Town Accountant	
Salary	49,844.00
Office Salaries	37,125.00
Expenses	870.00
Assessors	
Chairman's Salary	100.00
2nd Member's Salary	100.00
3rd Member's Salary	100.00
Expenses	31,913.00
Office Salaries	105,243.00
Expert Appraisal of Taxable Property	13,350.00
Revaluation of Real and Personal Property+	25,000.00
Treasurer and Collector	
Salary	52,300.00
Office Salaries	81,794.00
Expenses	33,920.00
Town Clerk	
Salary	150.00
Expenses	1,405.00
Microfilming Town Records	130.00
Clerks of Committees	275,488.00
Law	106,700.00
Information Systems	120,656.00
Board of Appeals	4,480.00

+ Accounts so indicated are continuing balance accounts

Planning Board	
Office Salaries	36,000.00
Expenses	28,645.00
Town Owned Houses+	500.00
Town Hall	
Salaries	38,210.00
Expenses	51,775.00
Equipment+	30,000.00
Old Library Repair & Maintenance	9,000.00
Josiah Smith Tavern	2,375.00
Brook School Housing - Operation & Maintenance	211,663.00
Insurance, Workers' Compensation	190,551.00
Unemployment Compensation	15,000.00
Insurance, Group Life, Accident & Health	2,453,450.00
Contributory Retirement - Middlesex	1,159,987.00
Contributory Retirement-Teachers	26,673.00
Medicare & Social Security Taxes	197,000.00
Insurance, Boiler, Fire and Liability	106,190.00
Insurance, Motor Vehicles	74,805.00
Unclassified - All Other	10,425.00
War Memorial Educational Fund Committee	900.00
Memorial Day	750.00
Interest on Refunds	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total General Government and Unclassified	5,824,482.00

Protection of Persons and Property

Police Department	
Salaries	1,799,872.00
Other Expenses	170,317.00
Equipment & Apparatus+	102,375.00
Reimbursement of Damages to Police Personnel+	20,000.00
Fire Department	
Salaries	1,631,137.00
Other Expenses	108,182.00
Equipment & Apparatus+	55,000.00
Hydrant Service	245,616.00
Fire Alarm-Extensions and Replacements	29,748.00
Indemnification of Injured Firefighters+	1,000.00
Inspections - Buildings, Wire & Gas Piping & Appliances	107,943.00
Traffic Signals - Maintenance & Operation	5,640.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures	310.00

Civil Defense Expenses+	1,000.00
Dog Officer	6,200.00
Parking Clerk - Expenses	675.00
Tree Warden	
Compensation	5,382.00
Expenses	33,400.00
Tree Planting	1,200.00
Moth Extermination	400.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	<u>700.00</u>
Total Protection of Persons and Property	4,326,097.00

Schools

Salaries	
Instructional, Maintenance & Other Expenses	3,085,985.00
Transportation*	<u>781,065.00</u>
Total Schools	17,463,000.00

Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District	43,864.00
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Public Works

Salaries - Administrative	281,531.00
Salaries - Office	58,770.00
Salaries - All Other	1,020,785.00
Expenses	295,505.00
Equipment+	229,100.00

Highways and Bridges

Expenses	118,600.00
Snow and Ice Control - Expenses	115,000.00
Drainage+	65,000.00
Construction & Reconstruction of Public Ways+	175,000.00
Construction of Sidewalks, Bicycle Paths & Footways+	50,000.00

Recycling & Solid Waste Disposal

Operations	477,600.00
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Water

Expenses**	63,235.00
Water Services -	43,000.00
Purchase of Water	631,235.00
Standpipes - Maintenance	28,253.00

* Includes purchase of school buses for fiscal period.

** Fiscal Year 1999 to be supplemented by \$60,000 to be appropriated from "Accrued Income-Litigation Settlement."

Parks and Cemeteries

Expenses	19,750.00
Reconst. Roadway-Linwood Cem.+	15,000.00
Linwood Cemetery Entrance+	5,000.00
Cemetery Signage+	5,000.00

Street Lighting 105,400.00

Total Public Works 3,802,764.00

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health	
Salaries	68,310.00
Expenses	6,550.00
Mental Health Services	31,100.00
Mosquito Control - E. Middlesex Project	<u>23,925.00</u>
Total Health and Sanitation	129,885.00

Human Services

Council on Aging	90,701.00
Senior Work Program	3,000.00
Youth Counseling Services	41,855.00
Alcohol & Drug Education Advisory Committee	2,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Human Services	140,556.00

Conservation 111,350.00

Conservation Commission 111,350.00

Total Conservation

Libraries

Salaries	553,752.00
Other Expenses	101,545.00
Library Materials	65,342.00
Maintenance and Repair	14,500.00
Equipment - Operation & Maintenance	8,625.00
Minuteman Library Network+	<u>29,000.00</u>
Total Libraries	772,764.00

Historical Commission

Expenses 3,225.00

Crescent St. Historic District Commission

Expenses 100.00

Total Historical 3,325.00

Recreation	
Salaries	372,047.00
Expenses	148,540.00
Special Programs - Reimbursable Expenditures	<u>225,000.00</u>
Total Recreation	<u>745,587.00</u>

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED	33,363,674.00
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Voted (2): that the salaries for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1998 of the Town Clerk and the members of the Board of Assessors, be fixed in amounts equal to the amounts appropriated therefor by previous vote under this article; and that all other elected officers of the Town be unpaid.

Voted (3): that five persons be appointed by the Moderator to serve as a Memorial Day Committee in 1999 with authority to expend for the 1999 Memorial Day observance \$750.00 appropriated for that purpose by previous vote under this article.

Voted (4): that in purchasing property, any allowance for turning in other property may be applied to the purchase price.

ARTICLE 3: To appropriate money from available funds (including “Free Cash” and Overlay Reserve) for the purpose of deduction by the Assessors in determining the annual assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998.

Voted: that the sum of \$1,350,000.00 be appropriated from available funds (free cash), for the purpose of deduction by the Assessors in determining the annual assessment of taxes in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1998.

ARTICLE 4: To appropriate money from available funds to the reserve fund.

Voted: that the sum of \$300,000.00 be appropriated from available funds (free cash) to the reserve fund.

ARTICLE 5: To appropriate additional money to the use of the School Committee for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing an addition or additions to Weston Middle School and for remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to the present Weston Middle School, and all incidental costs related thereto, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, or Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended, or any other enabling authority and to authorize the issuing of bonds and notes.

Darcy Lettieri **moved:** that the additional sum of \$3,500,000.00 be appropriated to the use of the School Committee for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing an addition or additions to Weston Middle School and for remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to the present Weston Middle School, and all incidental costs related thereto, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended, or of Chapter 44, Section 7 (3) (3A) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, to which end the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds or notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities, and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

Thomas Eastman described the project for the Middle School Building Committee. Speaking in favor of the motion were Vincent Costantini, on behalf of the Finance Committee, William Spencer and Holly Kulow.

Mrs. Lettieri's motion **was adopted** by the following vote: Yes - 199; No - 5

ARTICLE 6: To appropriate additional money from available funds to the use of the Elderly Housing Committee for repairs and replacements to, and maintenance of, the Brook School Apartments.

Voted: that the sum of \$65,000.00 be appropriated from available funds (free cash) to the use of the Elderly Housing Committee for repairs and replacements to, and maintenance of, the Brook School Apartments.

ARTICLE 7: To appropriate for the support of the Public Library the dog license refund received in the 1998 fiscal year.

Voted: that the sum of \$3,200.00 being an amount available from the dog license refund received from Middlesex County be appropriated to the account "Libraries-Other Expenses" in addition to the amount already appropriated for that purpose by vote under Article 2 of the Warrant for this Annual Town Meeting.

Florence Howe requested that the funds appropriated under Article 7 be used for maintenance.

ARTICLE 8: To appropriate money with which to lay and relay water mains of not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter to be provided by borrowing and/or taxation and/or transfer of funds or from other sources

including available funds (free cash) and to authorize the issuing of bonds and notes.

Voted Unanimously: that the sum of \$350,000.00 be appropriated to the "Lay and Relay Water Mains" account of the Department of Public Works-Water Division for the use of the Board of Selectmen for laying or relaying water mains not less than six (6) inches but less than sixteen (16) inches in diameter and all incidental costs related thereto, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 8 (5), or any other enabling authority, to which end the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds or notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities, and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

ARTICLE 9: To appropriate income received by the Commissioners of Trust Funds to March 31, 1998 from the Well Settlement trust fund to the account, "Accrued Income, Litigation Settlement."

Voted: that the income in the amount of \$63,300.75 received by the Commissioners of Trust Funds to March 31, 1998, from the Well Settlement trust fund be appropriated to the account, "Accrued Income, Litigation Settlement."

ARTICLE 10: To transfer and/or appropriate money from the account "Accrued Income, Litigation Settlement" to the Appropriation "Public Works Water - Expenses" for current operating expenses.

Voted: that the sum of \$60,000.00 be transferred from the account "Accrued Income, Litigation Settlement," and appropriated to the use of the Department of Public Works, "Water -Expenses" account for current operating expenses.

ARTICLE 11: To appropriate money to the use of the Board of Selectmen for improvements to the Town's water distribution and metering system, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 8(5) and (6) or any other enabling authority, and for said purpose to authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town of Weston to accept grants from any source and/or enter into interest free loans pursuant to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Local Water Infrastructure Rehabilitation Assistance Program, and for said purpose to execute any and all documents as may be necessary to qualify for or to administer said grants or loans.

Douglas Gillespie **moved:** that the sum of \$141,270.00 be appropriated to the use of the Selectmen for improvements to the Town's water distribution and metering system, including renovation of the water storage tank at Cat Rock, and for said purpose, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept grants from any source and/or enter into interest free loans pursuant to the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority's Local Water Infrastructure Rehabilitation Assistance Program, and to execute any and all documents as may be necessary to qualify for or to administrator said grants or loans.

Mr. Gillespie explained that this is a new MWRA program for maintenance and upgrading of water distribution facilities.

Mr. Gillespie's motion **was adopted unanimously.**

ARTICLE 12: To appropriate additional money to the use of the Recreation Commission for the cost of architectural services for plans and specifications for a building for use by the Commission and the Council on Aging, and all incidental costs related thereto, the money to be raised by borrowing under the authority of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority and to authorize the issuing of bonds and notes, or take any other action relative thereto.

Stephen Larocque **moved:** that the additional sum of \$65,000.00 be appropriated to the use of the Recreation Commission for the cost of architectural services for plans and specifications for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a building for use of the Commission and the Council on Aging, and all incidental costs related thereto, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of Chapter 44, Section 7, (21) (22) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, to which end the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds or notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities, and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

Mr. LaRoque described the concept of the proposed building, which is proposed to be 15,000 square feet, located on land currently under control of the school, next to the Case House. It is planned that this facility will be shared by the Recreation Department and the Council on Aging with a goal of maximizing shared functions.

Speaking in favor of the motion were: Katherine Strehle for the Council on Aging, and Cheryl Johnson for the Finance Committee.

Mr. LaRoque's motion **was adopted unanimously.**

ARTICLE 13: To appropriate money by transfer of funds from Sale of Lots Fund to the account Improvement and Development of Cemetery Land from Sale of Lots Fund.

Voted: that the sum of \$20,000.00 be appropriated by transfer from the Sale of Lots Fund to the account Improvement and Development of Cemetery Land from Sale of Lots Fund.

ARTICLE 14: To appropriate money to the use of the Selectmen for the cost of architectural services for plans and specifications for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing an addition or additions to Weston Town Hall and former Library Building and for remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to the present Town Hall and former Library Building and all incidental costs related thereto, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority and to authorize the issuing of bonds and notes.

William Helm moved: that the sum of \$100,000.00 be appropriated to the use of the Selectmen for the cost of architectural services for plans and specifications for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing an addition or additions to Weston Town Hall and former Library Building and for remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to the present Town Hall and former Library Building and all incidental costs related thereto, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of Chapter 44, Section 7, (21) (22) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, to which end the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds or notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities, and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

A visual presentation of the condition of Town Hall was presented by Joan Vernon. Speaking for the Finance Committee, Vincent Costantini stated that there is no question of the need for this project and that the town can afford the expenditure.

Mr. Helm's motion was adopted unanimously.

ARTICLE 15: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase or gift the Kendal Green railroad station, the parcel of land on which it is located, and the parcel of land containing 17,536 square feet adjacent thereto for use as a public parking facility by persons utilizing the commuter rail service; and to appropriate money to the use of the Selectmen for such purposes and all inci-

dental costs related thereto, the money so appropriated to be transferred from available funds, or raised by borrowing under the authority of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority and to authorize the issuing of bonds and notes.

Voted: that Article 15 be passed over and so disposed of.

ARTICLE 16: To authorize for fiscal year 1999, as required by General Laws 44, Section 53 E 1/2, the Historical Marker Revolving Fund and to specify: (1) the purpose for which said Fund may be expended; (2) the receipts which shall be credited to said Fund; (3) the board, department or officer authorized to expend from said Fund, and (4) the limit on the total amount which may be expended from such fund in the ensuing fiscal year.

Voted: to authorize for fiscal year 1999, as required by General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the Historical Marker Revolving Fund, the purpose of said Fund to offset the expenses of the Historical Commission's Historical Marker program, to be funded by receipts of the Historical Marker program and to be expended by the Historical commission up to a limit of \$3,000.00.

ARTICLE 17: To vote the Town's support of House Bill No. 4666/Senate Bill No. 1715 proposing general legislation entitled "The Community Preservation Act" which would authorize municipalities upon local acceptance to establish a fund or so-called Land Bank for the purpose of acquiring and managing open space and land for historic preservation and affordable housing, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for the passage of special legislation to authorize the Town to establish a Community Preservation Fund for the said purpose of acquiring and managing open space and land for historic preservation and affordable housing, said Fund to be financed through the establishment of a local tax on the transfer of real estate, said petition to be drafted with the assistance of an advisory committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen and presented to Town Meeting for its review prior to submission to the General Court.

Robin Reisman **moved:** to support House Bill No. 4666/Senate Bill No. 1715 proposing general legislation entitled "The Community Preservation Act" which would authorize municipalities upon local acceptance to establish a fund or so-called Land Bank for the purpose of acquiring and managing open space and land for historic preservation and affordable housing, and further, that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to petition the General Court for the passage of special legislation to authorize the Town to establish a Community Preservation Fund for the said purpose of acquiring and managing open space and land for historic preservation and affordable housing, said Fund to be financed

through the establishment of a local tax on the transfer of real estate, said petition to be drafted with the assistance of an advisory committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen and presented to Town Meeting for its review prior to submission to the General Court.

Joseph W. Mullin urged support of the proposal, explaining that 50 communities in the Commonwealth are seeking a transfer tax, which is currently barred by the Legislature except on the Islands. Kathleen McCahan pointed out that 10% of the land in town is unprotected open space; and Barbara Hill stated that both the local and state League of Women Voters support this bill.

Joan Vernon questioned the appropriateness of the article.

David Einis, Donald Bumpus and Carol Norquist all expressed their concern about the imposition of additional taxes that this bill would produce.

Mrs. Reisman's motion **was adopted** by the following vote:

Yes - 196; No - 117.

ARTICLE 18: To accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 147A, authorizing the enactment of by-laws relative to the regulation of dogs and to amend the existing By-Laws of the Town by deleting Articles XXII and XXX and replacing them with a new Article XXII as follows:

ARTICLE XXII DOG REGULATIONS

SECTION 1. The owner or keeper of a dog that is over six months old shall cause it to be licensed annually.

SECTION 2. No license shall be granted for any dog, unless the owner or keeper thereof provides a veterinarian's certification that such dog has been vaccinated in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 140, Sec. 145B, or a metal rabies tag bearing an expiration date indicating that such certification is still in effect. An exemption from the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 140, Sec. 145B may be granted for any dog which has not yet attained the age of six months, any dog which the board of health, for a specified period of time, declared exempt upon presentation of a veterinarian's certificate stating that because of an infirmity, other physical condition or regimen of therapy, that inoculation is thereby deemed inadvisable, or any dog in transit, or dog brought into the town temporarily, for the sole purpose of showing in dog shows or exhibition.

SECTION 3. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck, or body, a collar to which shall be securely attached a tag in a form prescribed by the licensing authority and upon which shall appear

the license number, the name of the Town of Weston and the year of issue. If any such tag shall be lost, the owner or keeper of such dog shall forthwith secure a substitute tag from the licensing authority.

SECTION 4. No fee shall be charged for a license for a dog specially trained to lead or serve a blind person; provided, that the Massachusetts commission for the blind certifies that such dog is so trained and actually in the service of a blind person. No fee shall be charged for a license for a dog professionally trained in the hearing dog business to serve a deaf person; provided, that the director at the office of deafness certifies that such dog is so trained and actually in the service of the deaf person.

SECTION 5. No license fee or part thereof shall be refunded because of the subsequent death, loss, neutering, spaying or removal from the Town or other disposal of the dog, nor shall any license fee be recovered after it has been paid to the licensing authority.

SECTION 6. The fees for registering and licensing dogs of all types in the Town shall be established from time to time by vote of the Selectmen. When application is made to license any dog found upon the public ways of the Town not currently licensed, the owner or keeper thereof shall pay a fine of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) to the Town as a condition to obtaining such license.

SECTION 7. No owner or keeper of any dog shall permit such dog to run out of the owner's or keeper's direct control by voice or lead at any time. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to dogs participating in any dog show, nor to "seeing-eye" dogs properly trained to assist blind persons for the purpose of aiding them in going from place to place, nor to any dogs properly trained and under the control of and aiding the deaf or other persons with severe disabilities, nor to any dogs being trained or actually being used for hunting, sporting or obedience purposes, nor to any dogs on private property with the permission of the property owner.

Nothing contained in the foregoing paragraph shall prevent the Selectmen from passing any orders authorized by the Massachusetts General Laws or by Chapter 140, Section 157 thereof at such times as they shall deem necessary to safeguard the public.

Every owner or keeper of a dog shall exercise proper care and control of their dog so as to prevent said dog from becoming a public nuisance if any dog should trespass upon public or private property.

Voted (1): that the Town accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, section 147A, authorizing the enactment of bylaws relative to the regulation of dogs.

(2): Joseph Mullin **moved:** that the Town amend the By-Laws of the Town by deleting Article XXII and Article XXX and substituting therefor new Article XXII DOG REGULATIONS as set forth in Article 18 of the Warrant.

Robert Anthony Nolan asked whether the wording of the provision regarding restraint of dogs was the same as in the existing by-law. Town Counsel responded that it is, with the possible exception of provisions relating to "aid" dogs.

Mr. Mullin's motion **was adopted** unanimously.

A motion to **adjourn** the Annual Town Meeting until Wednesday, May 13, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. was made, seconded and adopted.

**ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 13, 1998**

Pursuant to the warrant, Robert M. Buchanan, the Moderator, called the Adjourned session of the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. on May 13, 1998 in the Weston High School Auditorium. The Moderator declared a quorum present.

The Moderator appointed the following tellers and swore them to their duties:

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| Susan Banghart | Blake Munson |
| Jacqueline Haas | William Rousseau |
| Elizabeth Whitney | |

ARTICLE 19: To amend the By-Laws of the Town to include a Demolition Delay by-law as follows:

**ARTICLE XXXI
DEMOLITION DELAY**

Intent and purpose: The Demolition Delay by-law is enacted for the purpose of preserving and protecting significant buildings within the Town of Weston which are outside Local Historic Districts. Such buildings reflect distinctive features of the architectural, cultural, economic, political or social history of the Town, and their preservation promotes the public welfare by making the Town a more attractive and desirable place to live and work.

The intent of the by-law is not to permanently prevent demolition but rather to provide an opportunity to develop preservation solutions for properties threatened with demolition. The by-law is intended to encourage owners and townspeople to seek out persons who might be willing to purchase, preserve, rehabilitate or restore such buildings rather than demolish them. To achieve these purposes, the Weston Historical Commission (the "Commission") is em-

powered to advise the Building Inspector with respect to the issuance of permits for demolition of significant buildings. The issuance of demolition permits for significant buildings is regulated as provided in this by-law.

Definitions:

- I. "Building" - any combination of materials forming a shelter for persons, animals, or property.
- II. "Demolition" - any act of pulling down destroying, removing or razing a building or any portion thereof, or commencing the work of total or substantial destruction of a building or portion thereof, with the intent of completing the same.
- III. "Significant Building" - any building or portion thereof which in whole or in part was constructed by 1945, or is of unknown age, and which meets one or more of the following criteria:
 - A. is listed on, or is within an area listed on, the National Register of Historic Places, or is the subject of a pending application for listing on said National Register;
 - B. is included within a "significant area" or "further study area" inventoried or outlined by the Commission in the 1993-94 Historical Resources Survey;
 - C. is documented on a Cultural Resources Inventory form prepared by the Commission;
 - D. is determined by vote of the Commission to be of historical or architectural significance by reason of period, style, method of building construction, or by reasons of its association with a particular architect, or a builder, or with a person or event of importance to the Town's history.
- IV. "Commission" - the Weston Historical Commission.
- V. "Business Day" - any day which is not a legal municipal holiday, Saturday or Sunday.

Procedure

- I. No demolition of a building, or any portion of a building, which was in existence as of January 1, 1945 or which is of an indeterminate age, shall be permitted except in conformity with the provisions of this by-law.
- II. Upon receipt of an application for a demolition permit for any building, or portion thereof, which was in existence as of January 1, 1945 or which is of indeterminate age, the Building Inspector shall forward a copy thereof to the Commission within five (5) business days, and shall notify the applicant in writing of this action. No demolition permit shall be issued at that time.

- III. Within twenty-one (21) business days of its receipt of a copy of an application for a demolition permit, the Commission shall make an Initial Determination as to the significance of the subject building. The Initial Determination shall be positive if the building, or a portion thereof, meets one or more of criteria (a) through (d) of the above definition of "Significant Building." Otherwise, the Initial Determination shall be in the negative. The Commission shall notify the applicant of the meeting at which it intends to make its Initial Determination at least seven (7) days in advance of said meeting, and the applicant shall be given an opportunity to make a presentation to the Commission.
- IV. The Commission shall notify the Building Inspector and the applicant in writing within ten (10) business days of its Initial Determination. If the Initial Determination is in the negative, or if the Commission fails to notify the Building Inspector of its Initial Determination within the said ten (10) business days, the Building Inspector may, subject to the requirements of the State Building Code and any other applicable law, by-laws, rules and regulations, issue a demolition permit.
- V. If the Commission's Initial Determination is positive, the Commission shall, within thirty (30) days of its Determination, conduct a public hearing to determine whether the Significant Building is preferably preserved; the Commission shall give public notice of said hearing by publishing notice of the time, place, and purpose of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town twice, the first notice to be published at least fourteen (14) days before the hearing and the second notice no more than seven (7) days before the hearing, and by mailing a copy of said notice to the applicant, to the owner of the premises on which the Significant Building is located (if other than the applicant) to the owners of all property within three hundred feet of the premises on which the Significant Building is located as appearing on the most recent tax list, and to such other persons as the Commission shall deem entitled to notice.
- VI. If, after a public hearing, the Commission determines that demolition of the Significant Building would not be detrimental to the historical or architectural heritage or resources of the Town, the Commission shall so notify the applicant, the owner, if other than the applicant, and the Building Inspector, in writing, within ten (10) business days of such determination. Upon receipt of such notice, or upon the expiration of ten (10) business days from the date of the close of the Commission's public hearing, without having received any notification from the Commission, the Building Inspector may, subject to the requirements of the State

Building Code and any other applicable laws, by-laws, rules and regulations, issue a demolition permit for the subject building.

- VII. If, after the public hearing, the Commission determines that demolition of the Significant Building would be detrimental to the historical or architectural heritage or resources of the Town, such building shall be considered to be a preferably preserved building, and the Commission shall so advise the applicant, the owner if other than the applicant, and the Building Inspector, in writing, within (10) business days, and no demolition permit shall be issued until six months after the date of such determination by the Commission.
- VIII. During the six-months delay period following the Commission's determination that a building is to be considered preferably preserved, the Commission shall notify the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the Town Planner, and any other interested party in an effort to obtain assistance in obtaining preservation funding or in finding an adaptive use of the building which will result in its preservation.
- IX. Notwithstanding the preceding paragraphs, the Building Inspector may issue a demolition permit for a preferably preserved significant building at any time after receipt of written advice from the Commission to the effect that either
 - i) the Commission is satisfied that there is no reasonable likelihood that either the owner or some other person or group is willing to purchase, preserve, rehabilitate or restore such building, or
 - ii) the Commission is satisfied that for at least six months the owner has made continuing, bona fide and reasonable efforts to locate a purchaser to preserve, rehabilitate and restore the subject building, and that such efforts have been unsuccessful.

Responsibilities of the Owner

Once a Significant Building is determined to be a preferably preserved building, the owner shall be responsible for properly securing the building, if vacant, to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector. Should the owner fail to so secure the building, a subsequent destruction of the building at any time during the six month demolition delay period, which destruction could have been prevented by the required security measures, shall be considered a demolition in violation of this by-law.

Emergency Demolitions

Notwithstanding the following provisions, the Building Inspector may issue a demolition permit at any time in the event of imminent and substantial danger to the health or safety of the public due to deteriorating conditions. Prior to doing so, the Building Inspector shall inspect the building and document, in

writing, the findings and reasons requiring an emergency demolition, a copy of which shall be forwarded immediately to the Commission. Before allowing emergency demolition, the Building Inspector shall make every reasonable effort to inform the Chairperson of the Commission of his intention to cause demolition before he initiates same.

No provision of this by-law is intended to conflict with or abridge any obligations or rights conferred by G.L.c.143 regarding removal or demolition of dangerous or abandoned structures. In the event of a conflict, the applicable provisions of Chapter 143 shall control.

Historic Districts Act

Nothing in this by-law shall be deemed to conflict with the provisions of the Historic Districts Act, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40C, with respect to requirements of notice, hearing and issuance by the Commission of a Certificate of Appropriateness, a Certificate of Non-applicability or a Certificate of Hardship prior to demolition of any building in an historic district.

Enforcement and Remedies

1. In the event of a demolition of a significant building in violation of this by-law, no building permit may be issued for any new construction on the parcel of land on which said building was located for a period of two years after the completion of such demolition.
2. No building permit shall be issued with respect to any premises upon which a significant building has been voluntarily demolished in violation of this by-law for a period of two years after the date of the completion of such demolition. As used herein, "premises" includes the parcel of land upon which the demolished significant building was located.

Severability

If any section, paragraph or part of this by-law for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court, every other section, paragraph and part shall continue in full force and effect.

Roger Lee **moved:** that the Town amend the By-Laws of the Town, as amended, by adding thereto a new Article XXX DEMOLITION DELAY by inserting the text appearing in Article 19 of the warrant for this Town Meeting and incorporated in this Motion with the following change:

Change ARTICLE XXXI to ARTICLE XXX.

Mr. Lee explained that Articles 19 through 24 address various aspects of residential development which impact the Town's rural character. He reported that the changes in the Zoning By-law adopted in 1997 are operating satisfactorily. Hearings held on the proposed articles to be discussed tonight produced strong views on both sides of the issues raised, and the Planning Board has attempted to achieve a

balance with the proposals which follow. He also said that it is apparent that Article 21 requires additional discussion; hence the article is to be passed over at this Town Meeting, an additional hearing will be held on June 17, and the proposed addition of a Scenic Roads Overlay District will be presented at a future Town Meeting.

Alfred Aydelott explained the provisions of the proposed By-Law presented under Article 19 and how it is expected to affect homeowners wishing to demolish older structures.

Speaking against the proposal was Edward Coburn, who suggested that this by-law has the potential for infringing on property rights, and gives broad discretion to the Historical Commission. Richard Hersum supported Mr. Coburn's position.

Speaking in favor were Judith Markland and Pamela Fox. It was pointed out that the proposed By-Law would not affect the interiors of the buildings in question.

Katherine Strehle raised the question of whether the adoption of this proposal would affect the slated demolition of the Case House Barn which is on the site of the proposed new Recreation Building. The answer to that question is the permit for its demolition has already been issued.

Mr. Lee's motion **was adopted** by the following vote: Yes - 191, No - 78

ARTICLE 20: To amend the By-Laws of the Town, Article XXVI, Scenic Roads By-Law by:

1. Adding the following new text after the title "Definitions" in Section III of the By-Law:

In the absence of any contrary meaning established through legislation or judicial action in regard to G.L. c. 40, §15C, the following terms contained in said statute and used in this By-Law shall mean and be constructed as follows:

3.1 Cutting or Removal of Trees: cutting through or removing any of the following:

- (a) one or more tree trunks having a diameter of nine (9) inches or more measured four feet above the ground, or
- (b) two or more tree trunks having a diameter of six (6) inches or more measured four feet above the ground, or
- (c) seven or more limbs or roots of more than four (4) inch diameter where cut, on a single tree.

3.2 Repair, Maintenance, Reconstruction or Paving Work: any such work done within the right-of-way by any person or agency, public or private, including construction or alteration of any portion of a private driveway within the right-of-way, but not including utility work in trees not affecting the road itself.

and renumbering existing Sections 3.1 through 3.4 to Sections 3.3 through 3.6 respectively.

2. Adding the following roads to the list of roads to be designated scenic roads under Article XXVI:

Boston Post Road
Brown Street
Fiske Lane
Hilltop Road
Oak Street
Old Road
Pigeon Hill Road
Pine Street

Ridgeway Road
Ripley Lane
School Street
Silver Hill Road
Viles Street
Webster Road
Wellesley Street
Winter Street

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Roger Lee **moved:** that the Town amend Article XXVI, Scenic Roads By-Law by of the Town, Scenic Roads By-law, as printed under Article 20 of the warrant, except that the word “construed” be substituted for “constructed” where it appears in the amendment to Section III, Definitions, and that § 3.2 be amended to read as follows:

- 3.2 Repair, Maintenance, Reconstruction or Paving Work: any such work done within the right-of-way by any person or agency, public or private, including roadway widening and/or construction of a new private driveway within the right-of-way, but not including utility work in trees not affecting the road itself.

Mr. Lee explained that Routes 20, 30 and 117 were not added to the list of scenic roads because of provisions relating to State and County Roads which would prevent their inclusion in this type of by-law.

Edward Petcavage questioned the height standard used for determining whether a tree would be subject to this proposal, and further suggested that the Tree Warden should enforce the state Shade Tree Act. Philip Thurston stated his opposition to the proposal. Jean Thurston questioned the additional workload that the adoption of this proposal would impose on the Planning Board. Joseph Mullin stated that the Board of Selectmen has not taken a

position on this by-law, while Ripley Hastings pointed out that it clarifies the existing by-law as well as adding new streets.

In answer to a question about the effective date of this amendment, Elizabeth Lane, Town Counsel, stated that, as Article 20 amends the Town's general by-laws, it takes effect as of the date of its approval by the Attorney General. Zoning By-Law amendments become effective retroactively as of the date the amendment is approved by Town Meeting.

Mr. Lee's motion **was adopted** by the following vote: Yes - 178, No - 92.

Articles 18, 19 and 20 were accepted by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth on August 30, 1998 and became effective as of that date.

ARTICLE 21: To amend the Weston Zoning By-Law in order to add a Scenic Roads Overlay District as follows:

1. By adding a new District Designation to Section IV.A. as follows:

14. Scenic Roads Overlay District

and

2. By adding the following new text at the end of Section IV.B. District Boundaries:

The Scenic Roads Overlay District shall consist of all land lying within two-hundred feet of either of the sidelines of the following streets:

All streets designated under Article XXVI of the Town of Weston's By-Laws (The Scenic Roads By-Law) and, including: Ash Street, Boston Post Road, Route 20, Brown Street, Fiske Lane, North Avenue, Ripley Lane, School Street, Viles Street, Winter Street, Wellesley Street, Oak Street, South Avenue, Old Road, Webster Road, Silver Hill Road, Pigeon Hill/Hilltop Road, Ridgeway Road.

and

3. By adding a new Section V.K, entitled Scenic Roads Overlay District to read as follows:

K. SCENIC ROADS OVERLAY DISTRICT

1. Purpose - The purpose of the Scenic Roads Overlay District is to preserve and protect the historic and scenic qualities of the Town's earliest roads, and to protect the rural landscape character of the Town's core transportation routes.
2. Applicability - The Scenic Roads Overlay District shall be considered as overlying all residentially zoned land lying within 200 feet of the sidelines of the above listed roads. All uses and

structures otherwise permitted or authorized in the underlying districts shall be permitted in the Scenic Roads Overlay District, provided that alteration, extension, removal of any existing stone wall or portion thereof and provided that construction of any new dwelling, construction of any new building additions over 1,000 s.f., construction of any new building accessory to a dwelling, and construction of any new tennis court, swimming pool or other permanent recreational structure accessory to a dwelling, shall be subject to Site Plan Approval in accordance with Section XI, if visible from any of the above listed streets.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: that Article 21 be passed over and so disposed of.

Roger Lee stated that there will be a hearing on June 17, 1998 to discuss a future scenic road overlay provision to be added to the Town's Zoning By-law.

ARTICLE 22: To amend the Weston Zoning By-Law in order to further limit lot irregularity in single family residence districts by:

1. deleting the words "and at building line" in the Table of Conventional Dimensional Requirements under Section VI.B.2;

and

2. deleting Section VI.B.3 in its entirety and substituting therefor the following new Section VI.B.3:

Unless contained in a Flexible Development pursuant to Section VI.H, no building lot shall be created after the effective date of this By-Law which is substantially irregular in shape. For purposes of this provision, "substantially irregular" shall have the meaning set forth in Section II, Definitions, as applied to the entire lot. In addition, except as contained in Flexible Development pursuant to Section VI.H, no building lot shall be created unless it is capable of containing a parallelogram which (a) contacts the street frontage at at least one point; (b) has sides at least equal in length to the applicable minimum frontage distance required for the district in which the lot is located, (c) has an area at least equal to the minimum lot area required for the district in which the lot is located, and (d) has no included angle of less than seventy-five degrees (75°), within which parallelogram all principal buildings, accessory buildings and structures and their above-ground and underground appurtenances shall be located, excepting only signs, driveways, utility service connections, drainage, fences and light standards.

and

3. deleting in its entirety the definition of Building Line in Section II. Definitions;

and

4. deleting the words "or building line requirements" in Section VI.A.5. or take any other action relative thereto.

Roger Lee **moved:** that the Town amend the Weston Zoning By-Law as printed under Article 22 of the warrant, except that Section VI.B.3 be amended to read:

Unless contained in a Flexible Development pursuant to Section VI.H, no building lot shall be created after the effective date of this By-Law which is substantially irregular in shape. For purposes of this provision, "substantially irregular" shall have the meaning set forth in Section II, Definitions, as applied to the entire lot. In addition, except as contained in Flexible Development pursuant to Section VI.H, no building lot shall be created unless it is capable of containing a quadrangle which (a) contacts the street frontage at least at one point along a side at least equal in length to the applicable minimum frontage distance required for the district in which the lot is located, (b) includes 90% of the lot area required for the district in which the lot is located, and (c) has no included angle of less than seventy-five degrees (75°), within which quadrangle all principal buildings, accessory buildings and structures and their above-ground and underground appurtenances shall be located, excepting only signs, driveways, utility service connections, drainage fences and light standards.

Mr. Lee explained that the result of the calculation of the formula must be 0.4 or more and that a specific shape must fit within the lot for it to qualify as a buildable lot.

The following letter from the Planning Board was submitted to the Moderator:

May 11, 1998

Robert Buchanan, Esquire
Town Moderator
Weston Town Hall
Weston, MA 02193

RE: Report of the Weston Planning Board to the Town Moderator regarding Article 22 in the Annual Warrant for Town Meeting which proposes amendment to the Weston Zoning Bylaw to further limit lot irregularity in Single Family Residence Districts

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Planning Board of the Town of Weston submits its report and recommendations

to the Town Moderator and Town Meeting concerning the above referenced warrant article.

A public hearing on the proposed zoning amendment was held on March 25, 1998 and April 1, 1998.

This proposed amendment is designed to further regulate the shape of newly created lots in single family residence districts, excluding lots contained in a Flexible Development.

In 1978, Annual Town Meeting adopted a lot irregularity formula which attempted to regulate the shape of a lot with a "Coefficient of Irregularity" ratio where 1.0 represented almost a perfect square, and anything less than 0.4 was prohibited. The existing By-Law also attempts to regulate the shape of a lot by requiring that the lot width be at least equal to the minimum frontage at the setback line and at the building line.

Problems exist, however, with the wording and interpretation of these existing provisions to the By-Law, with the result that their original intent has been abrogated. Lots are being designed in which slivers of land ("rat tails") are used to satisfy frontage and septic system requirements. The consequence of this is the creation of greater development density in Town than was anticipated when our By-Laws were drafted.

The current lot irregularity By-Law allows a lot to meet the Coefficient of Irregularity so long as the minimum lot area for the district has a regular shape. Thus, rat tails can still be used to satisfy the frontage and septic requirements. The amendment keeps the same lot irregularity formula and minimum coefficient, but it requires that it be applied to the entire lot.

The current lot width at setback and lot width at building line provisions of this By-Law have not been effective at achieving their original purpose of requiring regularity in lot shape. Interpretation of the By-Law has allowed oddly shaped lots to be created in which thin slivers of land are used to obtain frontage. The amendment imposes a requirement that a building lot be capable of containing a quadrangle of a certain shape and dimensions. The quadrangle must: (1) contact the street frontage at at least one point along a side at least equal in length to the applicable minimum frontage for that zoning district; (2) contain 90% of the minimum lot area required in a zoning district; (3) have no included angles less than 75 degrees; and, (4) include the house, accessory structures, and septic system.

The Planning Board of the Town of Weston recommends that Town Meeting approve Article 22.

S\ G. Roger Lee

By: G. Roger Lee, Chairman
Weston Planning Board

David Einis pointed out that this amendment puts more restrictions on landowners who wish to maximize their profits.

Mr. Lee’s motion **was adopted** by the following vote: Yes - 96, No - 10.

ARTICLE 23: To amend the Weston Zoning By-Law by:

1. Deleting Section VI.E. Height Regulations in its entirety and submitting therefor the following new Section VI.E. Height Regulations:

1. On all land located within the Town of Weston, no building shall exceed the height limitations set forth in the table below. In all cases, height shall be determined by measuring the vertical distance from the Grade Plane to the highest point of a building.

2. **Table of Height Limitations**

DISTRICT		HEIGHT LIMITATION	NOTES
Business	Lots of less than thirty-five acres	35 Feet or 1-1/2 Stories whichever is less	(a), (b)
	Lots of thirty-five acres or more	52 Feet or 4 Stories whichever is less	
Office & Research and Development		40 Feet	(a), (c)
All other Districts	Pitched Roofs	37 Feet or 2-1/2 Stories whichever is less	(a), (b)
	Flat Roofs	32 Feet or 3 Stories whichever is less	

- a) **Notes:**
- b) The height of churches or other religious buildings, or educational institutions or buildings located within any district shall not exceed thirty-five (35) feet, measured to the highest point of the entire building.
- c) The height of all buildings located within this District shall be measured to the highest point of the entire building. Stories shall be measured from the floor level of the lowest story above grade. Attics in pitched roof construction shall constitute ½ story.
- d) In Office & Research and Development Districts ONLY, in the situation where a building used exclusively for office or research and development purposes is built with differing roof heights, each portion having a different roof height shall be considered as a separate building for purposes of height determination. For all other uses within an Office & Research and Development District, the entire building shall be considered a single entity for purposes of height determination.

Exceptions

a) On any building located within any District, solar collectors, domes, cupolas, and other ornamental features, chimneys, ventilators, skylights, tanks, bulkheads, machinery, antennas, transceivers, and other accessory features which are required above roofs may not exceed twenty (20) feet measured vertically from the highest point of the entire building.

Parapets, and penthouses for stairs and elevators shall not be considered accessory features. In a situation where a parapet, staircase, elevator penthouse, or other element not considered an accessory feature extends above the level of the highest point of the roof, the highest of such elements shall be considered the highest point of the building.

b) Freestanding antenna constructions not attached to a building, and not otherwise regulated, shall not exceed fifty (50) feet in height measured from the ground.

c) On any building located within Business B and Office and Research and Development Districts only, rooftop screens or fences erected to conceal equipment shall not exceed twelve (12) feet in height.

and

2. Deleting the first phrase in Section II Definitions and substituting therefore the following new sentence:

For the purpose of this Zoning By-Law, certain terms and words are defined as follows. Terms or words not defined in this Section or elsewhere in this By-Law, but defined in the latest edition of the State Building Code (780 CMR), or in the Massachusetts General Laws, shall have the meaning given therein.

and

3. By adding to Section II Definitions the following new definitions in the appropriate order:

ATTIC

That portion of a pitched roof building located under the roof construction between the ridge line and the ceiling level of the uppermost story.

AVERAGE GRADE

The average of the elevations of the Grades around the perimeter of a proposed building, as determined by the formula:

$$\frac{\sum^s(e^1 + e^2) / 2 \times L}{P}$$

where S is a segment of the building perimeter, e¹ and e² are the Grades at the respective ends of the segment; L is the corresponding length of the segment; and P is the length of the total building perimeter. In the case of a rectangular

building, average grade may be determined by taking the average of the Grades of the four extreme corners of the building.

BASEMENT

That portion of a building which is partly or completely below Finish Grade (See "Story Above Grade").

BUILDING

Any construction which requires permanent location on the ground, or is attached to anything having a permanent location on the ground, designed or used for the shelter, enclosure or accommodation of any person, animal, process, equipment, goods or materials of any kind or nature. Such term shall be construed as if followed by the phrase "or part thereof".

GRADE

For purposes of dimensional determinations:

NATURAL GRADE shall be the natural grade of the land at any point along the perimeter of a proposed building prior to disturbance for construction. The elevation of the natural grade prior to disturbance for construction shall be certified by a registered land surveyor, or may be such elevation as may be determined from maps or records satisfactory to the town.

FINISH GRADE shall be the final grade of the land at any point along the perimeter of a building at the completion of construction. The elevation of the finish grade shall be determined by a site plan satisfactory to the Town showing proposed contours at completion of construction.

GRADE PLANE

A horizontal reference plane passing through the elevation of the Average Natural Grade of a proposed building from which building height is determined.

HEIGHT

The vertical distance from the Grade Plane to the highest point of a building.

ROOF

The outside top covering of a building with its supporting members, not including vertical supports. For purposes of dimensional determinations, roof slopes shall be established as follows:

Pitched Roof: A roof plane with a slope greater than 3:12 [Three (3) inches of vertical rise for every twelve (12) inches of horizontal run].

Flat Roof: A roof plane with a slope equal to or less than 3:12 [Three (3) inches of vertical rise for every twelve (12) inches of horizontal run].

A building shall be construed to be covered with a pitched roof when 30% or more of the area within the total building perimeter is covered with roofs of slopes greater than 3:12.

STORY

That portion of a building included between the upper surface of a floor and the upper surface of a floor or roof next above.

STORY ABOVE GRADE

Any Story having its finished floor surface entirely above finish grade, except that a Basement shall be considered as a story above grade where the finished surface of the floor above the Basement is:

- a) More than six (6) feet above average finish grade e;
- b) More than six (6) feet above Grade for more than 50% of the total building perimeter; or
- c) More than twelve (12) feet above Grade at any point.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

G. Roger Lee **moved:** that the Weston Zoning By Law be amended, by deleting Section VI.E Height Regulations in its entirety and substituting therefor the new Section VI.E Height Regulations:

All as set forth in Article 23 of the warrant for the Town Meeting, except for the addition of a bracket ([]) following the *Sigma* sign in the formula in the definition for AVERAGE GRADE which appears on page 46 of the warrant book.

The following letter from the Planning Board was submitted to the Moderator:

May 11,1998

Robert Buchanan, Esquire
Town Moderator
Weston Town Hall
Weston, MA 02193

RE: Report of the Weston Planning Board to the Town Moderator regarding Article 23 in the Annual Warrant for Town Meeting which proposes amendment to the Weston Zoning Bylaw to modify Building Height Regulations in all zoning districts.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Planning Board of the Town of Weston submits its report and recommendations to the Town Moderator and Town Meeting concerning the above referenced warrant article.

A public hearing on the proposed zoning amendment was held on March 25, 1998 and April 1, 1998.

The proposed modifications to the height limitations of the Zoning By-Law seeks to address deficiencies in the existing regulations that have arisen as a result of changing development patterns in the Town. The Height provision to the Zoning By-Law was last revised in 1954.

The existing regulations no longer effectively govern height limits for larger structures on difficult sites. This has led to creative interpretations of the By-Law language in an effort to avoid wholesale application to the Zoning Board of Appeals for relief. For example, while the language of the existing By-Law attempts to govern overall building height, current interpretation permits height measurement to each portion of a building independently, without regard to overall height. The result is that for large buildings on sloping sites, there is no effective limit on height, whereas buildings on flat sites must satisfy the height limitation.

The current By-Law requires measurement of height from the lowest finished grade. Use of finished grade invariably forces a builder to bring in significant amounts of fill to satisfy the requirement. The result is a lot that where original topography has been dramatically altered, creating large amounts of vegetation removal and potential drainage problems for abutters.

The proposed modifications attempts to rectify these problems by reintroducing an overall height measurement related to the average natural grade around the building. This is a well established concept which has been adopted successfully by many other towns in the Commonwealth in their zoning by-laws.

The Weston Building Inspector has urged the Planning Board to change the way height limitations are presented in the Zoning By-Law and supports the adoption of this amendment.

The Planning Board of the Town of Weston recommends that Town Meeting approve Article 23.

S\ G. Roger Lee

By: G. Roger Lee, Chairman
Weston Planning Board

Clover Nicholas pointed out that this would affect new construction of church steeples. Alfred Aydelott responded that this amendment does not change the restriction on churches which are affected by the existing by-law. The main effect of the proposed change is in the definition of grade level. If it is adopted and approved by the Attorney General, the Town will be required to get a variance for the construction of the new Recreation Building.

Mr. Lee's motion was **adopted unanimously.**

ARTICLE 24: To amend the Weston Zoning By-Laws to require a special permit and site plan approval for all new single-family dwellings which exceed the Residential Gross Floor Area, as defined in Section II and Section V.B.1.a. of the Weston Zoning By-Laws, by:

1. Deleting Section V.B.2.c in its entirety; and
2. Adding a new Section V.B.7. to read as follows:
 7. Uses Allowed with Special Permit of the Planning Board with Site Plan Approval
 - a. Single-family detached dwelling containing one housekeeping unit only, together with accessory buildings not containing a housekeeping unit, in conformance with Section VI, subsection F.2, which is constructed pursuant to a building permit issued on or after May 11, 1998, and which exceeds the RFGA limit provided in Section V.B.1.a.

or take any other action relative thereto.

G. Roger Lee **moved:** that the Weston Zoning By Law be amended, to require a special permit and site plan approval for all new single-family dwellings which exceed the Residential Gross Floor Area, as defined in Section II and Section V.B.1.a. of the Weston Zoning By Laws, all as set forth in Article 24 of the warrant for the Town Meeting.

The following letter from the Planning Board was submitted to the Moderator:

May 11, 1998

Robert Buchanan, Esquire
Town Moderator
Weston Town Hall
Weston, MA 02193

RE: Report of the Weston Planning Board to the Town Moderator regarding Article 24 in the Annual Warrant for Town Meeting which proposes amendment of the Weston Zoning By-Law to require a Special Permit for new single family residential construction that exceeds the Residential Gross Floor Area, as defined in Section V.B.1.a., of the Zoning By-Law.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 40A, Section 5, the Planning Board of the Town of Weston submits its report and recommendations to the Town Moderator and Town Meeting concerning the above referenced warrant article.

A public hearing on the proposed zoning amendment was held on March 25, 1998 and April 1, 1998.

This amendment is a refinement of a Zoning Amendment adopted at the 1997 Annual Town Meeting. At that Town Meeting, residents opted to address the issue of the way in which new single family residential construction was eroding the rural character of the Town. Homes under construction were out of scale with their context and the lot they sit on. A Residential Gross Floor Area ratio was established which required Site Plan Approval from the Planning Board for homes that exceed a certain size threshold

In granting Site Plan Approval to these homes, the Planning Board has been able to establish conditions, consistent with the Standards and Criteria in the Zoning By-Law, which mitigate the impact that these homes have on the surrounding landscape. The trend, however, is new construction that proffers even larger homes. During the past year, the Board has reviewed several homes where the gross floor area exceeds 12,000 s.f. Along with these very large dwellings come large leach fields, massive tree and vegetation removal, access and parking provisions, and other accessory elements which strain the capacity of a typical Weston lot.

The Board is concerned that we will soon encounter a situation(s) where conditions cannot mitigate the impact of a very large home on the street. Reduction of the size of the house may be the only way to alleviate this impact. A Special Permit, along with Site Plan Approval, will give the Planning Board clear authority in these exceptional cases.

The Planning Board of the Town of Weston recommends that Town Meeting approve Article 24.

S\ G. Roger Lee

By: G. Roger Lee, Chairman
Weston Planning Board

Mr. Lee's motion was **adopted unanimously**.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town of Weston will vote to amend the Weston Zoning By-Law by adding subsection g. to Section V.B.3 which subsection would read as follows:

- g) Veterinarian/ Animal Hospital, provided the premises was used by a veterinarian and/or animal hospital as of May 1, 1998 and had been continuously so used for at least the twenty-five years prior to May 1, 1998 and provided said premises abuts Boston Post Road and/or the Boston Post Road Bypass.

Submitted by Petition

Jonathan White **moved:** that the Weston Zoning By Law be amended by adding subsection g. to Section V.B.3:

Veterinarian/ Animal Hospital, provided the premises was used by a veterinarian and/or animal hospital as of May 1, 1998 and had been continuously so used for at least the twenty-five years prior to May 1, 1998 and provided said premises abuts Boston Post Road and/or the Boston Post Road Bypass.

All as set forth in Article 25 of the warrant for the Town Meeting.

Mr. White pointed out that adoption of this article would not change the status quo, and would allow for the continuation of veterinarian's services at a location where they have been provided for many years.

Betsy Price, Linnea Weaver, Elizabeth Hay and Nancy Masters all spoke in favor of the article and in support of the existing veterinary clinic.

The following letter from the Planning Board was submitted to the Moderator:

May 11, 1998

Robert Buchanan, Esquire
Town Moderator
Weston Town Hall
Weston, MA 02193

RE: Report of the Weston Planning Board to the Town Moderator regarding Article 25 in the Annual Warrant for Town Meeting which proposes amendment of the Weston Zoning By-Law by allowing a veterinarian/animal hospital in a single family residence district if it meets specific conditions

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Planning Board of the Town of Weston submits its report and recommendations to the Town Moderator and Town Meeting concerning the above referenced warrant article.

A public hearing on the proposed zoning amendment was held on April 8, 1998.

The proposed zoning amendment was submitted to the Board of Selectmen by petition. The amendment proposes that a Veterinarian/ Animal Hospital may be allowed in a single family residence district provided that the premise was used by a veterinarian and/or animal hospital as of May 1, 1998, and has been continuously used for at least twenty five years prior to May 1, 1998 and provided that the premise abuts Boston Post Road and/or the Boston Post Road Bypass.

There has been a veterinary clinic at 152 Boston Post Road since 1963. The two story home is located on the site with an attached office, treatment and waiting area for conduct of a veterinary practice.

In 1967 the practice was purchased by Dr. Roger Prescott who lived at the premise with his family and conducted his practice in the attached building. In 1972, pursuant to a variance granted in 1970, Dr. Prescott built a substantial addition which includes additional treatment rooms, laboratory an operating, prep and x-ray room.

The staff includes four full time and one part time vet, ten other full time employees (primarily technicians), and five part-time employees for a total of 14 full time and six part time employees.

Most business uses of Weston in single family residence districts come under Section V.5. B.1. F. of the By-Law, which permits, by right, occupations conducted by a person residing in the dwelling, provided "there shall be not more than 3 persons regularly engaged in the profession on the premise, in addition to the occupant". This has been a requirement in the By-Law since at least 1955. The clinic was opened in 1963.

At some point in the 1970's the number of employees surpassed those permitted under the Zoning By-Law. The clinic is now operating in violation of the Zoning By-Law due to the number of employees. Dr. Prescott recently died and Mrs. Prescott is attempting to sell the practice. She was unaware that the size presented a problem. In fact, she has correspondence from her attorney to her late husband that if and when the practice was sold in the future, the future buyer should seek a special permit under the category "health center or other medical institution, entitling it to a special permit. Until 1991, this was a permitted use in a single family residence district. However, the By-Law was amended by eliminating this as an allowed use.

It is the Planning Board's position that this be an allowed zoning change. Weston Veterinary Clinic is the only vet practice in the Town. In the past two years the Clinic has treated animals from over 1223 different Weston households. There are approximately 3300 households in Weston. The practice serves the common good. Since 1967 the "Animal Inspector" for the Town has always been a veterinarian from the Clinic. This is an unpaid volunteer position. The Clinic oversees rabies testing of wild animals and domestic animals. The clinic administers State regulations for bite wounds and possible rabies exposure including overseeing rabies quarantines.

The Petitioner originally indicated a willingness to amend the zoning district for #153 Boston Post Road from Single Family Residence District B to Business District B. The Planning Board and interested abutters urged Mrs. Prescott to seek a zoning change which allowed the continuation of the practice and maintained the parcel in a single family residence district. Over 40 residents attended the initial public hearing in support of the rezoning proposal.

The Planning Board of the Town of Weston recommends that Town Meeting approve Article 25.

S\ G. Roger Lee

By: G. Roger Lee, Chairman
Weston Planning Board

A motion to move the previous question carried unanimously.

Mr. White's motion was **approved unanimously**.

The foregoing articles 22, 23, 24 and 25 were accepted by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth on August 30, 1998, and thereby became effective as of May 13, 1998.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the town will vote to require that the following procedure be followed whenever the town receives a notice of intent to sell or convert land under Mass. Gen. Laws c. 61, c. 61A or 61B:

When presented with a notice of intent to sell or convert land to a non-forest use under G.L. c. 61, to sell or convert land to a non-agricultural or non-horticultural use under G.L. C. 61A or to sell or convert land to a non-recreational use under G.L. c. 61B, the board of selectmen shall:

- a) require the landowner, within fourteen days after giving notice to the town, to make full public disclosure to the selectmen of the terms of any agreement or arrangement between the landowner and any third party grantee or proposed grantee of the land in question, to the extent the agreement or arrangement concerns the land;
- b) within fourteen days after the town's receipt of the notice, publish in the local newspaper, the Boston Globe, and the Boston Herald, a copy of the landowner's notice;
- c) within fourteen days after the town's receipt of the notice, engage an independent appraiser to provide the town with an impartial appraisal of the land at full and fair market value;
- d) upon request of any nonprofit conservation organization, conduct a public hearing on whether to assign the town's right to purchase the land in question to such nonprofit conservation organization;
- e) within twenty eight days after receipt of the landowner's notice, request the Massachusetts Department Of Food & Agriculture, in the case of land under G.L. c. 61A, to review the landowner's notice and (if known) the terms of the agreement or arrangement between the landowner and any third party transferee or proposed transferee, and advise the town: whether the notice complies with G.L. c. 61A; whether there are any

grounds to seek an extension of the time for the town to elect to purchase the land; and whether the town's right to purchase the land is either (i) at full and fair market value or (ii) on the same terms and basis as the landowner proposes to convey the land to any third party transferee or proposed transferee.

The selectmen shall not waive the town's right to purchase any such land until the above procedures have been followed, the selectmen have received the appraisal, the selectmen have received (in the case of land under G.L. c. 61A) the advice of the Massachusetts Department Of Food & Agriculture, the selectmen have received a recommendation from the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission on whether the town should waive or exercise its purchase right, and the selectmen have conducted a public hearing on whether the town should waive or exercise its purchase right.

Submitted by Petition

Voted: that Article 26 be passed over and so disposed of.

Eliot Lobel explained that the article was proposed because no appropriate process was in place at the time of a recent proposed option.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the town will vote to require that the selectmen exercise the town's right under G.L. c. 61A § 14 to acquire – on the same terms and conditions as The Community Builders, Inc. has acquired or can acquire – the property on Highland Street, Weston, described as follows:

A portion of the parcel of land described in the deed recorded at Book 10192, page 321 in the Middlesex Registry of Deeds (the "Property"), including: (a) the land shown on Lot 2 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Weston, Massachusetts" dated December 5, 1997, by John R. Snelling Associates, approval not required under the subdivision control law by action of the Weston Planning Board dated December 10, 1997; (b) a certain portion of land contiguous to Lot 2, such that the total of such land and Lot 2 comprises a rectangle of approximately 10.5 acres in the northeasterly corner of the Property measuring 650' by 700' (as indicated on a plan referenced as being attached to the letter dated December 30, 1997 from Edward M. Dickson to the Board of Selectmen (the "Notice Letter"); and (c) only to the extent necessary and in the event that adequate septic capacity for the housing development proposed in the Notice Letter cannot be provided within the land described in (a) and (b) above, such minimum portion of land contiguous to the land described above (as indicated on the plan referenced as being attached to the Notice Letter) as may be necessary to provide adequate septic capacity for such development.

Submitted by Petition

Article 27 was **declared moot** by the Moderator by passage of time and expiration of a deadline.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the town will vote to adopt, as the policy of the town, that Route 20 from the Weston/Waltham boundary to the intersection of Summer Street, remain as a two lane highway, that the paved portion of Route 20 from the Weston/Waltham boundary to the intersection of Summer Street not be widened beyond its existing width, and that no traffic light be installed in Route 20 at any point between the Weston/Waltham boundary and the intersection of Summer Street.

Submitted by Petition

Allan Goroll **moved:** that the town adopt, as the policy of the town, that Route 20 from the Weston/Waltham boundary to the intersection of Summer Street, remain as a two lane highway, that the paved portion of Route 20 from the Weston/Waltham boundary to the intersection of Summer Street not be widened beyond its existing width, and that no traffic light be installed in Route 20 at any point between the Weston/Waltham boundary and the intersection of Summer Street.

There was considerable discussion of the motion. Paul Feldman, a non-resident attorney for the proponents, discussed the 1988 Settlement Agreement with Massachusetts Broken Stone Company, the owner of the property, the proposed development of which has highlighted the concerns leading to this proposal. Jim Brenner pointed out that this is a litigation-free way to express the opinion of the town. In addition Jane Aiken, Kenneth Berman and Paula Berman all supported the article and Articles 29 and 30 which are related.

Roger Lee stated that the Planning Board has not taken a position on this article.

Speaking in opposition to the motion Ann Leibowitz stated that articles directing the Selectmen to take actions without reference to a specific issue are not appropriate. Ripley Hastings confirmed that the Selectmen are opposed to the article. Jack Doyle expressed concern that adopting this motion would send the wrong message to Arthur D. Little Company with whose representatives he and others have been negotiating to achieve a settlement regarding that company's proposal for the development of a sensitive site.

A voter moved the question, which motion passed, but not unanimously.

Mr. Goroll's motion was **defeated** by the following vote: Yes - 90, No - 123.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to notify the Massachusetts Highway Department - - within 30 days and from time to time thereafter whenever a proposal is made to the town or the state to alter Route 20 in any respect from the Weston/Waltham boundary to the intersection of Summer Street - that it is the strong preference and conclusion of the town that Route 20 from the Weston/Waltham boundary to the intersection of Summer Street shall remain as a two land highway, that the paved portion of Route 20 from the Weston/Waltham boundary to the intersection of Summer Street shall not be widened beyond its existing width, and that no traffic light shall be installed in Route 20 at any point between the Weston/Waltham boundary and the intersection of Summer Street.

Submitted by Petition

Voted: that Article 29 be passed over and so disposed of.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to advocate before the Massachusetts Highway Department and any other agency or department having jurisdiction over such matters - - whenever a proposal is made to the town or the state to alter Route 20 in any respect from the Weston/Waltham boundary to the intersection of Summer Street - - the town's position that Route 20 from the Weston/Waltham boundary to the intersection of Summer Street shall remain as a two lane highway, that the paved portion of Route 20 from the Weston/Waltham boundary to the intersection of Summer Street shall not be widened beyond its existing width, and that no traffic light shall be installed in Route 20 at any point between the Weston/Waltham boundary and the intersection of Summer Street.

Submitted by Petition

Voted: that Article 30 be passed over and so disposed of.

The Moderator accepted a motion to **dissolve** the Annual Town Meeting at 11:50 p.m.

The following resolutions were submitted to the Town Clerk after the Annual Town Meeting:

RESOLVED: We, the citizens of Weston, assembled in Annual Town Meeting, express our gratitude and appreciation to Jeri Cooper for her 9 years of service on the School Committee. During those years she served in virtually all possible roles on the Committee, including two years as Chairman, with unsurpassed talent, efficiency, responsibility and good humor. She either chaired or was an instrumental member of numerous committees including: The Committee to Investigate School Capacities (CISC II), The Student Learning Time

Committee Grades K-12 and The Teacher Evaluation Task Force. She has either been the chief liaison responsible for, or a key component in, numerous improvements and changes to education in Weston, while she has also staunchly striven to preserve areas of high caliber educational performance. She has, many times, been integral to the success of: collective bargaining, non-unit negotiations; building renovations; the Weston Education Enrichment Fund Committee; and the schools' public relations reputation not only in Weston, but also in Boston through the METCO Program. Jeri's quick thinking has, on numerous occasions, cut to the heart of a matter or refocused a foggy discussion into a more positive and productive outcome. Her articulate presentations, strong spirit and fairness made her a fulcrum of activity on the Committee, but always as one placing the welfare of the students in the Weston Public Schools as her highest priority. Jeri's civic contributions will live on in the children she has helped into the world and in the system she leaves to operate for years to come. The respectful members of the School Committee she leaves behind will sorely miss her presence.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the records of the Town and that a copy be sent to Mrs. Cooper.

RESOLVED: We, the citizens of Weston assembled in annual town meeting express our gratitude and appreciation to Dr. John A. Stayn for his Interim Superintendency of Schools during the 1997-1998 school year. With little warning that the Superintendency was to be vacated, the School Committee turned to Dr. Stayn to preserve the ongoing educational initiatives and handle the multiple day to day decisions required of the Superintendent as Chief Executive Officer of our school system. With his usual generosity of spirit and dedication, John assumed the helm and kept the system on a steady keel, while also introducing valuable innovations of his own during the year. With Dr. Stayn's services as Interim Superintendent, which he performed for the second time in his career, the Weston Public Schools maintained excellence, avoided the pitfalls of sudden change and captured for our children a desirable year of smooth transition, fashioned by his achievement and for which this respectful acknowledgement, with honors, is hereby expressed by the townspeople.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the records of the Town and that a copy be sent to Dr. Stayn.

STATE PRIMARY September 15, 1998

Pursuant to a warrant duly served, the State Primary was held on September 15, 1998 in Precinct 1 - Parish Hall of the United Methodist Church of Weston located at 377 North Avenue; Precinct 2 - Basement of St. Peter's Church located at 320 Boston Post Road; Precinct 3 - Gymnasium of the Field

School located on School Street; Precinct 4 - Gymnasium of the Field School located on School Street.

The polls were open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The total ballots cast were as follows:

	Democratic	Republican	Reform	Total
Precinct 1	300	232	0	532
Precinct 2	269	194	0	463
Precinct 3	196	159	0	355
Precinct 4	236	173	0	409
TOTAL	1003	758	0	1761

The results of the primary were as follows:

<u>DEMOCRATIC PARTY</u>	Precinct				Total
	1	2	3	4	
<u>GOVERNOR</u>					
Brian J. Donnelly, 44 Cobbs Grv., Dennis	19	10	17	15	61
Scott Harshbarger, 439 Sandy Valley Rd., Westwood	185	166	107	115	573
Patricia McGovern, 12 William St., Andover	91	86	66	101	344
Blanks	5	7	6	5	23
Scattering					
<u>LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR</u>					
Dorothy A. Kelly Gay, 1 Avon St., Somerville	91	78	58	77	304
Warren E. Tolman, 30 Stoneleigh Cir., Watertown	139	126	96	100	461
Blanks	69	65	42	59	235
Scattering	1				1
<u>ATTORNEY GENERAL</u>					
Lois G. Pines, 40 Helene Rd., Newton	159	140	89	130	518
Thomas F. Reilly, 60 Palfrey St., Watertown	128	126	101	102	457
Blanks	13	2	6	4	25
Scattering		1			1

SECRETARY OF STATE

William Francis Galvin, 46 Lake St., Boston	180	153	119	136	588
Blanks	119	114	77	100	410
Scattering	1	2			3

TREASURER

Shannon P. O'Brien, 6 Danecca Dr., Whitman	181	163	121	133	598
Blanks	119	106	75	103	403
Scattering					

AUDITOR

A. Joseph DeNucci, 119 Warwick Rd., Newton	186	161	124	133	604
Blanks	114	108	72	103	397
Scattering					

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Seventh District

Edward J. Markey, 7 Townsend St., Malden	211	199	144	164	718
Blanks	87	70	52	71	280
Scattering	2			1	3

COUNCILLOR

Ginny Allan, 780 Concord Rd., Sudbury	31	24	9	19	83
Garrett J. Barry, 42 Horace Rd., Belmont	6	4	5	1	16
John W. Costello, 125 Jericho Rd., Weston	109	76	49	62	296
Marilyn Petitto Devaney, 98 Westminster Ave., Watertown	10	20	11	10	51
Leonard H. Golder, 67 Old Bolton Rd., Stow	3	5	1	1	10
Howard I. Goldstein, 15 Vincent St., Newton	16	17	14	19	66

Ruth E. Nemzoff, 91 Pickwick Rd., Newton	28	55	58	61	202
Francis Thomas "Frank" Talty, 214 Burnham Rd., Lowell	7	2	3	1	13
Blanks	90	66	46	62	264
Scattering					

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Fifth Middlesex District

Susan C. Fargo, 7 Minebrook Rd., Lincoln	223	191	128	151	693
Blanks	76	78	67	85	306
Scattering	1		1		2

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Fourteenth Norfolk District

Blanks	298	267	192	234	991
Scattering	2	2	4	2	10

DISTRICT ATTORNEY - Northern District

Martha Coakley, 68 Rawson Rd., Arlington	173	163	115	138	589
Timothy R. Flaherty, 5 Concord Ave., Cambridge	44	31	24	29	128
Michael A. Sullivan, 19 Garden St., Cambridge	35	31	28	27	121
Blanks	48	44	29	42	163
Scattering					

SHERIFF - Middlesex County

James V. DiPaola, 27 Pagum St., Malden	147	118	92	107	464
Edward J. Kennedy, Jr., 312 Clark Rd., Lowell	55	56	36	43	190
Blanks	98	94	68	85	345
Scattering		1		1	2

	Precinct				
REPUBLICAN PARTY	1	2	3	4	Total
GOVERNOR					
Argeo Paul Cellucci, 2 Brigham St., Hudson	120	109	98	102	429
Joseph D. Malone, 271 Florence Rd., Waltham	112	84	61	67	324
Blanks	0	1	0	4	5
Scattering					
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR					
Janet E. Jeghelian, 161 Pleasant Valley Rd., Westwood	110	85	78	72	345
Jane Maria Swift, 28 Beacon St., North Adams	103	95	64	81	343
Blanks	19	14	17	20	70
Scattering					
ATTORNEY GENERAL					
Brad Bailey, 12 Sussex Rd., Winchester	188	153	125	142	608
Blanks	42	41	33	31	147
Scattering	2				2
Write-In, -. Reilly				1	1
SECRETARY OF STATE					
Dale C. Jenkins, Jr., 34 Wildmeadow Rd., Boxford	176	144	120	131	571
Blanks	55	50	39	42	186
Scattering	1				1
TREASURER					
Robert A. Maginn, 14 Farwell Pl., Cambridge	176	137	124	131	568
Blanks	55	57	35	42	189
Scattering	1				1
AUDITOR					
Michael T. Duffy, 14 Lawrence Rd., Boston	173	134	118	128	553
Blanks	59	60	41	45	205
Scattering					

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

- Seventh District

Patricia H. Long, 149 Adams St., Lexington	175	147	122	137	581
Blanks	57	46	37	36	176
Scattering		1			1

COUNCILLOR - Third District

John Henry DeJong, 33 Old Orchard Rd., Newton	169	136	117	130	552
Blanks	63	58	41	43	205
Scattering					
Write-In, - Nemzoff			1		1

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

- Fifth Middlesex District

Thomas F. Healy, 68 Bruce Road, Concord	183	143	123	138	587
Blanks	49	51	36	35	171
Scattering					

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Fourteenth Norfolk District

John A. Locke, 866R Washington St., Wellesley	191	156	135	144	626
Blanks	41	38	24	28	131
Scattering				1	1

DISTRICT ATTORNEY - Northern District

Lee Johnson, 28 Ninth St., Medford	173	140	115	131	559
Blanks	58	53	44	41	196
Scattering	1	1			2
Write-In, - Coakley				1	1

SHERIFF Middlesex County

Blanks	227	189	155	158	729
Scattering	5	5	4	15	29

REFORM PARTY - There were no candidates on the ballot for the Reform Party and no voters in the Reform Party in the State Primary in the Town of Weston.

STATE ELECTION

November 3, 1998

Pursuant to a warrant duly served, the State Election was held on November 3, 1998 in Precinct 1 - Parish Hall of the United Methodist Church of Weston located at 377 North Avenue; Precinct 2 - Basement of St. Peter's Church located at 320 Boston Post Road; Precinct 3 - Gymnasium of the Field School located on School Street; Precinct 4 - Gymnasium of the Field School located on School Street.

The polls were open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The total ballots cast were:

<u>Precinct 1</u>	<u>Precinct 2</u>	<u>Precinct 3</u>	<u>Precinct 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
1324	1166	923	1214	4627

The results of the election were as follows:

	Precinct				
	1	2	3	4	Total
Governor and Lt. Governor					
Cellucci and Swift	684	643	571	692	2590
Harshbarger and Tolman	605	490	330	495	1920
Cook and Israel	17	22	7	12	58
Blanks	18	8	12	12	50
Scattering	0	3	3	3	9
Total	1324	1166	923	1214	4627
Attorney General					
Brad Bailey, 12 Sussex Rd., Winchester	49	499	443	507	1498
Thomas F. Reilly, 60 Palfrey St., Watertown	558	627	439	655	2279
Blanks	717	39	37	50	843
Scattering		1	4	2	7
Total	1324	1166	923	1214	4627
Secretary of State					
William Francis Galvin, 46 Lake St., Boston	708	612	447	646	2413
Dale C. Jenkins, Jr., 34 Wildmeadow Rd., Boxford	490	446	395	448	1779
David L. Atkinson, 4 Priscilla Alden Rd., Provincetown	45	44	27	32	148
Blanks	81	64	54	88	287
Total	1324	1166	923	1214	4627

Treasurer

Bob Maginn, 14 Farwell Place, Cambridge	611	564	502	615	2292
Shannon P. O'Brien, 6 Danecca Dr., Whitman	620	512	354	485	1971
Merton B. Baker, 1167 Lower Rd., Hardwick	26	30	18	26	100
Blanks	67	60	49	88	264
Total	1324	1166	923	1214	4627

Auditor

A. Joseph DeNucci, 119 Warwick Rd., Newton	614	544	403	575	2136
Micahel T. Duffy, 14 Lawrence St., Boston	552	479	401	492	1924
Carla A. Howell, 6 Goodman Ln., Wayland	84	72	61	46	263
Blanks	74	71	58	101	304
Total	1324	1166	923	1214	4627

Representative in Congress Seventh District

Edward J. Markey, 7 Townsend St., Malden	706	617	437	630	2390
Patricia H. Long, 149 Adams St., Lexington	572	514	451	525	2062
Blanks	45	35	34	59	173
Scattering	1		1		2
Total	1324	1166	923	1214	4627

Councillor - Third District

John Henry DeJong, 33 Old Orchard Rd., Newton	598	533	489	582	2202
Marilyn Petitto Devaney, 98 Westminster Ave., Watertown	539	496	315	452	1802
Blanks	185	137	119	178	619
Scattering	2			2	4
Total	1324	1166	923	1214	4627

Senator in General Court Fifth Middlesex District

Susan C. Fargo, 7 Minebrook Rd., Lincoln	721	641	427	591	2380
Thomas F. Healy, 68 Bruce Rd., Concord	546	478	450	551	2025
Blanks	57	47	46	72	222
Total	1324	1166	923	1214	4627

Representative in General Court
Fourteenth Norfolk District

John A. Locke, 866 R Washington St., Wellesley	913	810	684	885	3292
Blanks	402	350	234	321	1307
Scattering	9	6	5	8	28
Total	1324	1166	923	1214	4627

District Attorney- Northern District

Martha Coakley, 68 Rawson Rd., Arlington	725	598	460	607	2390
Lee Johnson, 28 Ninth St., Medford	505	483	392	483	1863
Blanks	94	85	71	124	374
Total	1324	1166	923	1214	4627

Sheriff-Middlesex County

James V. DiPaola, 27 Pagum St., Malden	768	693	534	686	2681
Blanks	549	461	381	523	1914
Scatterings	7	12	8	5	32
Total	1324	1116	923	1214	4627

QUESTION 1
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in joint sessions of the two houses on July 29, 1996 (yeas 127 - nays 65); and again on June 9, 1998 (yeas 149 - nays 41)

Yes	888	760	618	790	3056
No	361	335	250	343	1289
Blanks	75	71	55	81	282
Total	1324	1166	923	1214	4627

SUMMARY

This proposed constitutional amendment would prohibit the state Legislature from changing the base compensation received by members of the Legislature as of January 1, 1996. As of the first Wednesday in January of 2001, and every second year thereafter, the base compensation would be increased or decreased at the same rate as increases or decreases in the median household income for the Commonwealth for the preceding two-year period, as ascertained by the Governor.

A YES VOTE would prohibit state legislators from changing their base pay and instead would adjust that pay according to changes in median household income.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the method for setting legislators' base pay.

QUESTION 2

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 1998?

Yes	929	789	590	793	3101
No	313	297	268	323	1201
Blanks	82	80	65	98	325
Total	1324	1166	923	1214	4627

SUMMARY

This proposed law would create a new voluntary system allowing candidates for state office who agree to campaign spending limits and \$100 contribution limits to receive a set amount of public funds for their campaigns, starting with 2002 election. The proposed law would also limit transfers of money from national political parties to state political parties for administrative, overhead or party-building activities. It would also require candidates for state office who had raised or spent at least a set minimum amount in an election cycle to file their required campaign finance reports with the state electronically, and the public would have prompt electronic access to such reports.

The new funding system would replace the existing system of limited public financing of campaigns for statewide office. To participate in the new system, a candidate would have to raise a minimum number of contributions from registered voters in the relevant district, as follows: Governor, 6000; Lt. Governor, Attorney General, or Treasurer, 3000; Secretary of State or Auditor, 2000; Executive Councilor, 400; State Senator, 450; State Representative, 200. Such contributions would have to be between \$5 and \$100 and be collected during a limited period; for statewide candidates beginning on August 1 of the year before the election, for other candidates beginning on January 1 of the election year, and for all candidates ending on the last day to file nomination papers with the Secretary of State.

For any election, a participating candidate could not accept contributions of more than \$100 from any person or political committee and could not raise or spend any money other than these contributions and public funds.

Candidates meeting all of these requirements would, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, receive public funding in the primary and general elections. This would come from a new state Clean Elections Fund, consisting of amounts voluntarily contributed through the checkoff on the state income tax return, any amounts appropriated by the Legislature, and any money in the existing state election campaign fund.

The chart below shows the amounts of public funds a candidate could receive in the primary and general elections. A candidate could raise and spend private contributions in order to bring his or her spending up to the spending limit shown below.

A participating candidate running unopposed would receive only half the listed amount of public funds and could spend correspondingly less than a candidate with an opponent. All Funds could be spent only for campaign purposes. Any unspent public funds from a primary or general election would have to be returned after that election. A participating candidate who violated the contribution or spending limits, would have to return all public funds, become ineligible for further funds, and in some cases pay fines.

Candidates who do not accept public funds would have to report any spending in excess of the limit shown above and could be fined for failing to do so. If such a non-participating candidate spent more than the limit participating candidates in that race would immediately receive, and could spend, public "matching funds" equal to the amount of the excess spending. The total amount of public funding (including matching funds) a candidate could receive would be limited to twice the spending limit for that race. During the general election campaign, running mates for Governor and Lt. Governor would be treated as teams in order to determine the distribution of any matching funds.

An individual or political committee's total in-kind contributions (such as goods and some services) to a participating candidate would be limited to \$500 per election. Higher limits would govern political parties' in-kind contributions. Participating candidates could not accept more than a set amount in such contributions, ranging from \$3,000 per election for Representative up to \$35,000 for Governor.

The expenditure, contribution, and public funding limits would be adjusted every two years for inflation. A special commission (including elected officials and private citizens) would be set up to meet every two years to review the system and recommend any needed changes. The state Director of Campaign Finance could issue regulations to interpret and enforce the proposed law.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the rest of the law would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would change the laws governing public financing of campaigns.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws governing public financing of campaigns.

Office	Primary Election: Public Funds	Primary Election Spending Limit	General Election: Public Funds	General Election: Spending Limit
Governor	\$1,500,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,200,000
Lt. Governor	\$383,000	\$450,000	\$225,000	\$300,000
Attorney General or Treasurer	\$360,000	\$450,000	\$240,000	\$300,000
Secretary of State or Auditor	\$120,000	\$150,000	\$80,000	\$100,000
Councilor	\$19,000	\$24,000	\$13,000	\$16,000
Senator	\$43,000	\$54,000	\$29,000	\$36,000
Representative	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$9,000	\$12,000

QUESTION 3

LAW PROPOSED BY AN INTIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate of the House of Representatives before May 6, 1998?

Yes	1105	1002	787	1038	3932
No	150	101	83	84	418
Blanks	69	63	53	92	277
Total	1324	1166	923	1214	4627

SUMMARY

This proposed law would change the state income tax rate on interest and dividend income, which was 12% as of September 1997, to whatever rate applies to Part B taxable income (such as wages and salaries), which was 5.95% as of September 1997. The change would take effect starting in tax year 2000.

A YES VOTE would reduce the state tax rate for interest and dividend income.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the current state tax rate for interest and dividend income.

QUESTION 4

REFERENDUM ON AN EXISTING LAW

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was approved by the House of Representatives on November 19, 1997 by a vote of 124 to 30, approved by the Senate on November 19, 1997 by a vote of 32 to 6?

Yes	905	800	662	829	3196
No	349	300	208	298	1155
Blanks	70	66	53	87	276
Total	1324	1166	923	1214	4627

SUMMARY

The law changes the state's electric utility industry. Starting in March 1998, instead of buying power from the utility that owns the power lines, customers may choose to buy power from separate generating companies competing with each other to sell power to be delivered by the existing utility. Customers not choosing a new competing generating company will be provided power by their existing utility under a transition rate for 7 years, starting from a rate 10% less than 1997 rates. By September 1999, rates for such customers must be further reduced from 1997 rates (adjusted for inflation) by 5%. Subject to restrictions in the law, rates paid by such customers may be adjusted up or down if approved by the new state Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE).

The law lets a utility recover, from customers, previously incurred costs related to generating plants and contracts that have become uneconomical under competition. Utilities must first reduce such "transition costs" in all reasonable ways, which may include selling non-nuclear generating plants. DTE must approve such sales and the utility's way of financing transition costs, and DTE may limit which costs may be charged to customers. Public agencies may arrange the sale of special bonds to help a utility finance transition costs to provide savings to customers.

Utilities claiming they cannot offer the required rate reductions must work with DTE to find possible ways to do so. State tax revenues related to sales of power plants may be used, if found necessary by DTE and subject to legislative appropriation, to ensure that utilities provide the 15% rate reduction. Utilities must maintain discounts for low-income customers.

DTE must issue consumer protection and related regulations related to energy sales, and the law lets the state Attorney General enforce consumer protection laws and regulations against energy companies. To maintain reliability, DTE must set performance-based rates and service quality standards for electric and gas utilities. Utilities failing to meet the standards may be fined up to 2% of their annual revenues.

Such utilities will not be allowed to cut staff levels unless either the relevant unions agree or DTE finds that the cuts will not lead to sub-standard service. Utility employees who are laid off due to the law will, if eligible for unemployment benefits, also be eligible for reemployment assistance benefits.

If a generating plant loses value due to the law, the responsible company must pay the affected city or town until 2009 to offset lost property tax revenue. Cities and towns may set up power purchasing cooperatives for local customers. Businesses and other organizations may also set up cooperatives. A municipal lighting plant that chooses to sell power outside its own service area must compete with other generating companies within its service area.

The law requires electric utilities to continue energy efficiency and demand management programs until 2003 and directs DTE to ensure that such programs are cost effective. The law imposes a charge on electricity consumers to promote renewable energy projects and to help cities and towns pay to add pollution control equipment to existing trash-to-energy plants. By 2003, power suppliers must provide an annually increasing percentage of power from new renewable sources, and fossil-fuel power plants must start to meet efficiency standards limiting pollution. The law ends the requirement that the state find a need for a proposed power plant but preserves environmental reviews.

The law changes the State Department of Public Utilities to the new DTE, controlled by a 5-member commission with expertise on specified issues. The law gives the state Division of Energy Resources new duties related to energy restructuring such as educating consumers and helping cities and towns.

A YES VOTE would continue the new law changing the electric utility industry.

A NO VOTE would undo these changes in the electric utility industry.

FINANCIAL

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Weston's total budgeted cost of Town services for Fiscal Year 1999, including debt service, but before state charges and county assessments, was \$36,485,978. This represents an increase of 5.62% over the prior fiscal year. Table I at the end of this report compares the major categories of the Fiscal Year 1999 budget with corresponding figures for Fiscal Year 1998. Table II provides an analysis of increases over the prior year.

The Finance Committee is a nine-member board of Weston residents appointed by the Town Moderator to confer with the Selectmen and other Town officials and to make recommendations to Town voters concerning the town's financial attributes and proposed expenditures. The Finance Committee recommended approval of the Fiscal Year 1999 budget and it was passed by voters at Town Meeting in May, 1998.

It should be noted that the rate of increase in Town spending has moderated from the prior fiscal year increase of 7.20%. However, several factors continue to cause Town spending to increase at a greater rate than the prevailing rate of inflation. These deserve mention here.

School spending comprises slightly over half of Town spending when fringe benefits for School personnel are included. It continues to be driven by increases in enrollments and the push to integrate technology throughout the curriculum, as well as the unfunded mandates of special education services and the lengthening of the school day. Fiscal year 1999's school spending increase was moderated by a reasonable contractual rate of increase in teachers' pay in the first year of a three-year collective bargaining contract. This contract will exert significant upward pressure on school spending in Fiscal Year 2000 as higher rates of increase prevail.

On the non-school side, there was a dramatic and non-discretionary increase in insurance expenses for Town employees. Also, there was a significant increase in spending for the Public Works Department. Four major factors drove this increase. First, water purchases from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority and adjacent towns increased by \$120,903 because of heavy usage in the summer of 1998 and increased rates; this has been largely recovered from water charges levied on Weston residents for the heavy usage and at higher rates. Second, purchases of equipment for the Highway Department increased by \$55,280. Third, the expanded road maintenance program added \$175,000; this item had been deleted from the FY98 budget to avoid an override. And, finally, provision

of \$28,253 was included for the first of five annual payments to the MWRA for an interest-free loan to be used in the rehabilitation of the Cat Rock Water Storage Tank.

Working in the Town's favor was a drop in debt service costs. The Finance Committee must caution that this was an anomaly. The Town continues its ten-year campaign to rebuild Town buildings and infrastructure, including the renovations of the High School and Middle School, the construction of the proposed Community Building, the subsequent renovations of Town Hall and the Old Library, and the upcoming renovations of the elementary schools. As the debt service costs of these projects come on line, residents can expect the debt service portion of their real estate taxes to rise to reflect payment for these much needed improvements and additions to Town buildings.

The Town's overall financial health continues to be robust. As of December 31, 1998, total outstanding debt was \$34,100,000, which is 1.5% of the most recently certified equalized valuation of the Town and is well below the statutory limit of 5%. As of the beginning of Fiscal Year 1999 (July 1, 1998), Weston's revenue reserves, commonly referred to as "Free Cash," were certified to be \$1,552,996. The continued availability of a substantial sum in "Free Cash" has proved valuable in meeting some of the increases in spending and in holding the line on property tax increases. However, there is no assurance that such will remain the case.

In fact, the Finance Committee must caution that the current period of significant growth in the Town's tax base, with its very positive impact on the Town's revenue picture in general, and Free Cash in particular, cannot continue indefinitely. When the growth does slow, the Town will face the difficult task of either curbing the growth of spending or raising sufficient tax revenue from existing residents to fund the expanded level of spending. The choices at that time will not be easy ones.

TABLE I
FISCAL YEAR 1999 COMPARISONS TO FISCAL YEAR 1998

BUDGET CONTROL SHEET FY99		FY99	Vs total	\$ Inc	% Inc	FY98
	Budget		Vs FY98	Vs FY98	Budget	Budget
Schools	17,463,000	47.49%	1,259,355	7.77%	16,203,645	
General Government	1,374,088	3.74%	(5,101)	-0.37%	1,379,189	
WrkCmp, GrpHlth, Ret, Unemp, Med	4,042,661	10.99%	362,285	9.84%	3,680,376	
Other Insurances	180,995	0.49%	3,708	2.09%	177,287	
Unclassified	226,738	0.62%	3,622	1.62%	223,116	
Total General Govt and Unclassified	5,824,482	15.84%	364,514	6.68%	5,459,968	
Police Department	2,092,564	5.69%	17,266	0.83%	2,075,298	
Fire Department	2,070,683	5.63%	135,633	7.01%	1,935,050	
Other Protection of Persons & Property	162,850	0.44%	14,218	9.57%	148,632	
Total Protection of Persons & Property	4,326,097	11.76%	167,117	4.02%	4,158,980	
Public Works	1,885,691	5.13%	73,316	4.05%	1,812,375	
Highways & Bridges	523,600	1.42%	182,900	53.68%	340,700	
Solid Waste Disposal	477,600	1.30%	(30,280)	-5.96%	507,880	
Water Department	765,723	2.08%	159,211	26.25%	606,512	
Parks & Cemeteries	44,750	0.12%	26,100	139.95%	18,650	
Street Lighting	105,400	0.29%	(915)	-0.86%	106,315	
Total Public Works	3,802,764	10.34%	410,332	12.10%	3,392,432	
Health & Sanitation	129,885	0.35%	(5,808)	-4.28%	135,693	
Human Services	140,556	0.38%	4,767	3.51%	135,789	
Conservation and Historical	114,675	0.31%	75	0.07%	114,600	

BUDGET CONTROL SHEET FY99

	FY99 Budget	Vs total	\$ Inc Vs FY98	% Inc Vs FY98	FY98 Budget
Library	772,764	2.10%	25,265	3.38%	747,499
Recreation	745,587	2.03%	41,042	5.83%	704,545
Voc. Reg. School Dist.	43,864	0.12%	(69,354)	-61.26%	113,218
Total Town Departments	33,363,674	90.73%	2,197,305	7.05%	31,166,369
Overlay	250,000	0.68%	(1,363)	-0.54%	251,363
Total Debt Service	2,872,304	7.81%	(245,307)	-7.87%	3,117,611
Memo-Nonexempt Debt Service	287,099	0.78%	(329,988)	-53.48%	617,087
Separate Articles	0	0.00%	(10,000)	-100.00%	10,000
Total Town Charges	36,485,978	99.22%	1,940,635	5.62%	34,545,343
State Charges	236,701	0.64%	5,773	2.50%	230,928
County Charges	50,632	0.14%	1,235	2.50%	49,397
Total Charges	36,773,311	100.00%	1,947,643	5.59%	34,825,668
Levy Used Under Levy Limit	25,816,734	70.21%	1,227,760	4.99%	24,588,974
Exempt Debt Service	2,585,206	7.03%	146,044	5.99%	2,439,162
Tax Levy	28,401,940	77.24%	1,373,804	5.08%	27,028,136
Other Receipts	7,021,372	19.09%	373,840	5.62%	6,647,532
From Free Cash & Other Sources	1,350,000	3.67%	200,000	17.39%	1,150,000
Total Receipts	36,773,312	100.00%	1,947,644	5.59%	34,825,668

TABLE II - FISCAL YEAR 1999 BUDGET
ANALYSIS OF CHANGES FROM PRIOR BUDGET

Expenditures	Amount of Increase or (Decrease)	Percentage Share of Total Increase
Salaries of Town employees	456,141	23.42%
Subject to collective bargaining	240,000	12.32%
School Time & Learning-Unfunded State Mandate	240,000	12.32%
Increase in Enrollment	45,000	2.31%
School Instructional Technology Initiative	36,000	1.85%
Increase in Special Education Services	31,000	1.59%
School Transportation Service Restoration	13,000	0.67%
School Program Improvements (Elementary Reading)	52,823	2.71%
Other increases, net	1,113,964	57.20%
and other benefits	362,285	18.60%
Increase in Town personnel costs	1,476,249	75.80%
Construction & Reconstruction of Public Ways	175,000	8.99%
Increase in Special Education Services	139,000	7.14%
Purchase of Water	120,903	6.21%
School Program Improvements (Elem. Reading, Science)	93,000	4.78%
School Maintenance Projects	80,000	4.11%
Fire Hydrant Service	57,430	2.95%
Public Works Equipment	55,250	2.84%
Law	42,100	2.16%
Town Hall Equipment	29,000	1.49%
Standpipes-Maintenance and Repairs	28,253	1.45%
Fire Equipment & Apparatus	26,475	1.36%
Recreation Special Programs-Reimbursable Exp.	25,000	1.28%
Increase in School Enrollment	21,000	1.08%
Assessors - Expenses	20,313	1.04%

	Amount of Increase or (Decrease)	Percentage Share of Total Increase
Expenditures		
Selectmen-Consulting & Professional Services	20,000	1.03%
School Transportation Service Restoration	17,000	0.87%
Police Equipment & Apparatus	16,451	0.84%
Linwood Cemetery Roadway	15,000	0.77%
Debt Service	(245,307)	-12.60%
Facilities Maintenance	(210,000)	-10.78%
School Instructional Technology Initiative	(82,000)	-4.21%
Minuteman Regional Voc Tech School District	(69,354)	-3.56%
Recycling & Solid Waste Disposal Operations	(30,280)	-1.55%
Other Town spending, net	127,160	6.53%
Total Increase in Expenditures	\$ 1,947,643	100.00%
Revenues		
Tax levy on real property	1,373,803	70.54%
Use of Free Cash and Other Sources	200,000	10.27%
Net Cherry Sheet Aid	196,840	10.11%
Water Charges	180,000	9.24%
Licenses & Permits	90,000	4.62%
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	20,000	1.03%
Brook School Rentals	11,000	0.56%
Other Fees	(54,000)	-2.77%
Investment Income	(40,000)	-2.05%
Trash Disposal Fees	(15,000)	-0.77%
Other changes, net	(15,000)	-0.77%
Net increase in revenues	\$ 1,947,643	100.00%

REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

The primary objective of the Treasurer and Collector's office is to assure that the financial resources are available to meet the operating and capital project expenses of the Town. Once the bills are paid, the Treasurer has an obligation to invest idle funds in approved investments.

The average monthly cash balance in the General Fund was \$7,459,867 during the year ending June 30, 1998. Income generated in the General Fund for the same period totaled \$433,907. This represents a 5.82% return on the average balance. The 30-day average annualized net yield was 5.48% for the period, according to the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust (MMDT), a state sponsored program administered by Fidelity Investment Institutional Services. The MMDT is allowed to invest public funds in commercial paper, which banks are not permitted to do. The MMDT uses this advantage to offer municipal investors higher yields than the banks are able to offer. Depending on the market, only debt issued by government agencies maturing in 60 days or less can compete. Most General Fund cash was invested in the MMDT or paper of government agencies throughout the year. However, we continue to look for new ways of increasing the Town's return on General Fund investments, keeping in mind safety and liquidity.

The Town issued \$18,660,000 of temporary debt in Fiscal Year 1998 to fund the construction and reconstruction of the High School, the purchase of land on Church Street, laying water mains and various other projects. The cost to borrow for these projects, after payment of premiums totaling \$29,127, was between 3.4 and 3.75 percent. The size of these issues required a legal opinion from bond counsel. Such an opinion sets forth the terms and conditions under which the Town issues its notes and certifies the Town's authority to sell debt. Without a legal opinion, the Town would have to pay a higher interest rate and would receive fewer bids from potential buyers, most of whom require a legal opinion in the post-Orange-County era. In addition, under relatively new Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) regulations, brokers are precluded from buying municipal debt without annual disclosure of financial data. These two factors have driven up the cost of borrowing for municipalities.

As of June 30, 1998, the market value of the major trust funds in the custody of the Treasurer exceeded \$9,000,000.00. Over the years, the administration of these assets, which consist of cash, bonds and stocks, has become increasingly time consuming due to active trading, spin-offs, stock splits and trust fund additions. To reduce the burden, we hired State Street Bank and Trust Company to help administer nine trust funds at a relatively low cost. This change was accomplished under the guidance of James Nichols, a member and former

Chairman of the Commissioners of Trust Funds. All transactions are now electronic, including posting of dividend and interest payments. Formerly, these payments were received and individually posted to the general ledger by the office staff. Management of the trust funds has been made easier by transferring a portion of the administration to State Street.

The year was productive, resulting in cost savings to the Town's taxpayers. We look forward to similar results in the coming year.

CASH RECEIPTS - FISCAL YEAR 1998

<u>CASH BALANCE - June 30, 1997</u>		\$ 7,955,032.36
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
<u>PROPERTY TAX</u>	27,419,510.01	
<u>MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX</u>	1,761,155.04	
<u>PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES</u>	30,168.46	29,210,833.51
<u>MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATES</u>	21,775.00	21,775.00
<u>INTEREST AND CHARGES</u>		
General Fund Interest	433,906.71	
Interest - Late Tax Payments	313,225.25	
Charges On Late Tax Payments	5,375.00	
Other Miscellaneous Charges	1,796.81	754,303.77
<u>DEPARTMENTAL FEES</u>		
Transfer Facility Permits	275,574.04	
Pay Telephone Proceeds	1,123.27	
Assessors Maps	217.00	
Dog Officer Fees	773.00	
Town Clerk Fees	12,994.02	
Board Of Appeals Filing Fees	4,900.00	
Planning Board Filing Fees - Plans	16,010.00	
Planning Board Filing Fees - Other	-	
Brook School Laundry Room	1,318.63	
Police Miscellaneous	1,913.00	
Fire	-	
Ambulance Services	98,966.95	
Ambulance Services -MTA	10,090.00	
School - Book Replacement	29.95	
School -Transportation	23,745.09	
Dept. Of Public Works Private Ways	-	
Transfer Facility Recycling	8,000.46	
Cemetery Interments	29,050.00	
Cemetery Foundations	6,295.00	
Board Of Health Flu Shot	663.00	

Conservation Comm Filing Fee	-	
School Tuition	14,008.14	
Conservation Comm Fire Wood	410.00	
Conservation Comm. Garden Rental	645.00	
Recreation Programs	247,662.65	754,389.20

DEPARTMENTAL RENTAL AND RECEIVABLES

Library Community Room Rental	3,825.00	
Town Hall Rental	1,095.00	
Town Dwellings Rental	12,055.00	
Josiah Smith Tavern Rental	759.15	
Brook School Apt. Rent	227,532.50	
Brook School Apt. HUD (Includes Federal Grants)	314,165.00	
School Facility Rental	33,796.75	
Conservation - Melone House	5,412.60	
Fire Dept. Insurance Report	5.00	
Worker Compensation Reimbursed	4,245.82	602,891.82

DEPARTMENTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

Selectmen	66.50	
Assessor	341.00	
Treasurer	1,409.19	
Town Clerk	374.88	
Brook School	281.33	
Police	2,801.00	
Fire	-	
School	43.12	
Highway	30.00	
Cemetery	100.00	
Board Of Health	337.90	
Library	21,773.00	
Recreation Self Supporting Programs	275,777.46	
Police Sale Of Cruiser	13,508.00	316,843.38

LICENSES

Fish & Game	1,185.15	
Marriage	960.00	
Dogs	2,097.50	
Victuallers	-	
Town Clerk	-	4,242.65

PERMITS

Firearm	1,525.00
Building	249,097.50
Wire	30,819.00
Gas	25,256.00
Sealer of Weights	314.00
Board of Health	8,690.00

Board of Health Septic System	46,982.00	
Cable	1,349.50	
Street Openings	455.00	
Taxi	20.00	
Raffle	70.00	364,578.00
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<u>STATE REVENUE AND REIMBURSEMENTS</u>		
Veteran Abatements	5,225.00	
Surviving Spouse Abatements	350.00	
Blind Abatement	788.00	
Elderly Abatement	5,522.00	
Chapter 70 Cherry Sheet	716,784.00	
School Transportation Cherry Sheet	216,907.00	
School Building Grant Field School	77,405.00	
Lottery	329,558.00	
Highway Fund Cherry Sheet	13,276.00	1,365,815.00
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<u>COURT FINES AND OTHER FINES</u>		
Court	78,440.00	
RMV Mark Removal	4,080.00	
Parking Clerk	3,802.00	
Library	10,440.72	
Warrant Defaults	100.00	96,862.72
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<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</u>		
Miscellaneous	7,362.00	
Sale Of Town Equipment	900.00	
Refunds From Prior Years	7,386.75	15,648.75
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<u>WATER CHARGES</u>		
Rates	1,188,251.55	
Water Charges	1,250.00	
Labor And Material	21,290.61	
Water Connections	23,000.00	
Hydrant Rental	188,136.00	
Warren Ave Rent	7,985.00	
Final Meter Readings	2,075.00	1,431,988.16
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<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES STATE/FEDERAL</u>		
Premium On Sale Of Bonds	30,704.99	30,704.99
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<u>DUE TO OTHER AGENCIES</u>		
Petty Cash	1,150.00	
Off Duty Work Details	376,990.84	
Treasurer	8,368.31	
County Dog Licenses	4,091.50	
Fish & Game Licenses	2,821.50	
Sweep Private Ways	300.00	
Brook School Security Deposits	5,570.95	
Deposit Pending Completion Of Rd	314,781.36	

Health Premiums Direct Pays	222,972.14	
Life Insurance Direct Pays	1,441.25	
Universal Life Direct Pays	45.04	
Disability Insurance Direct Pays	826.00	
Borrowing In Anticipation Of Tax	2,500,000.00	
Refunds To Appropriations	<u>31,710.82</u>	3,471,069.71
<u>HIGHWAY- CHAPTER 90</u>	<u>31,665.79</u>	31,665.79
<u>SCHOOL LUNCH RECEIPTS - REVOLVING</u>		
Federal Share	49,282.62	
State Share	12,531.43	
Participants Share	<u>571,606.35</u>	633,420.40
<u>GRANTS - FEDERAL AND STATE</u>		
METCO	851,741.00	
Special Ed METCO	84,069.00	
Presidential Math Grant	7,500.00	
Title II	9,552.00	
Technology Grant	54,450.00	
Early Childhood Development	11,760.00	
Idea Preschool	28,350.00	
Fed. Health Ed. Smoke Cessation	31,572.00	
Curriculum Frameworks	6,860.00	
Drug Free School	<u>6,310.00</u>	1,092,164.00
<u>SCHOOL GIFTS AND REVOLVING ACCOUNTS</u>		
Athletics	66,343.55	
METCO Transportation Gifts	11,008.00	
School Miscellaneous	112,275.51	
Dish Washer	11,265.00	
Adult Education	12,970.00	
Secondary Enrichment	<u>8,615.00</u>	222,477.06
<u>RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION</u>		
County Dog License	4,119.00	
Conservation Notice Of Intent	4,610.00	
Sale Of Cemetery Lots	25,800.00	
Well Settlement Litigation	43,206.74	
Fire Dept. Land Easement	<u>10,000.00</u>	87,735.74
<u>TOWN GRANTS - STATE</u>		
Cultural Council (Includes Interest)	3,379.34	
Polling	-	
Library Title I	1,053.00	
Library MetroWest Rep System	-	
Library Title III	-	
Library Municipal Equalization	16,075.12	
West Suburban Elderly Services	5,833.31	

Fire - School Safety	3,130.00	
Community Policing	23,000.00	
Drug Task Force	1,843.30	
Police Career Incentive	97,667.00	
Speed Watch Grant	326.42	152,307.49
<u>MASS WATER RESOURCES GRANTS</u>		
Fire Dept Liaison	45,962.00	
Water Contingency	70,000.00	
Rescue Team Training	119,553.00	
Fire Trainers	20,400.00	
Fire Equipment	439,025.00	
Fire Surface Rescue	5,230.00	
Fire Protection	6,500.00	706,670.00
<u>TOWN OTHER GRANTS</u>		
Council On Aging Formula Grant	7,452.00	
Office Of Elder Services Computer	3,025.00	
Special Law Enforcement	150.00	10,627.00
<u>TOWN GIFTS AND REVOLVING ACCOUNTS</u>		
Police Radio Gift	3,290.00	
Recycle Containers	14,250.00	
COA Transportation	14,443.58	
COA Miscellaneous	2,205.85	
COA Programs	3,321.63	
Library General Purpose Gift	10,807.27	
Library Material Replacement	3,512.83	
New Library Misc	60.00	
New Library Construction	65,000.00	
Recreation Concert	4,000.00	
Recreation Landscaping Gift	500.00	
Brook School HUD Interest	4,319.47	
Historical Commission Gifts	1,150.00	
Falmouth Rd Repair	6,719.45	
Historical Commission Markers	2,000.00	135,580.08
<u>INSURANCE RECOVERY</u>		
School Property	15,868.62	
Library Storm Damage	3,795.00	19,663.62
<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>		
Short Term Borrowing - Bans	26,672,750.00	26,672,750.00
<u>TRUST FUNDS - INCOME/CONTRIBUTIONS</u>		
Consolidated Trust Funds	86,060.53	
Public School	2,169.70	
Josiah Smith Tavern	3,227.05	
Noyes Library	29,524.29	
Naughton Scholarship	318.75	

Rosamond Sears Library	6,934.99	
Gladwell Library	2,641.00	
Weston Education Enrichment	124,807.89	
Ben Sandalls Memorial	3,263.75	
Conservation Land Trust	3,000,000.00	
World War Trust	5,388.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	19,150.00	
Consolidated Trust Funds	550.00	3,284,035.95
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<u>CHANGES IN TRUST FUND ASSETS</u>	550,143.67	
<u>TRANSFERS AND MISCELLANEOUS</u>		
<u>ADJUSTMENTS - Trust Funds</u>	9,481.95	559,625.62
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<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	\$ 72,050,669.41	\$ 72,050,669.41
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>		\$ 69,103,554.81
<u>CASH BALANCE - June 30, 1998</u>		<u>\$ 10,902,146.96</u>

BANK BALANCES - GENERAL FUND

<u>NON-INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS</u>		
Returned Checks	1,041.00	1,041.00
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<u>INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS</u>		
BankBoston - Brook School	20,963.64	
BankBoston - Money Market	959,422.79	
Boston Safe - Money Market	31,478.45	
Fleet Bank - Money Market	16,448.07	
State Street Bank	13,582.54	
Government Agencies	2,482,041.39	3,523,936.88
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<u>POOLED INVESTMENTS</u>		
MMDT - General Fund	7,040,629.61	
MMDT - Brook School Maintenance	81,543.09	
MMDT - Cons. Trust Funds Income	252,717.80	
MMDT - Arts Lottery Fund	2,278.58	7,377,169.08
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<u>BANK BALANCES - June 30, 1998</u>		<u>\$ 10,902,146.96</u>

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS

The three elected Commissioners of Trust Funds are responsible for the investment of securities held in the following funds:

Consolidated Trust Funds
Well Litigation Settlement Trust Fund
Weston Public Schools Fund
Josiah Smith Tavern Trust Fund
Noyes Library Trust Fund
Ben Sandalls Memorial Fund
Joseph Mathias Naughton Scholarship Fund
Rosamond Sears Library Fund
Gladwell Library Fund

The securities held in each of the funds as of December 31, 1998 and priced as of that date are set out in the tables that follow this report. The principal values of the nine funds totaled \$9,393,948 at the end of 1998, compared to \$8,196,719 at the end of 1997. There was \$587,895 of unexpended income in the nine funds at year end 1998.

The stock market, as measured by the S&P 500, continued the strong price appreciation of the prior three years. Since the end of 1990, the S&P 500 has risen at an average rate of 20.8% per year. This is significantly in excess of the long term growth rate for equity values, and it is unlikely that such a rate of price expansion will continue.

The Commissioners have continued the investment philosophy of prior years: to keep the stock portion of the various trust fund portfolios fully invested in the common shares of outstanding companies which show a capacity for sustained earnings growth. The Commissioners expect that these companies as a group should be able to maintain their superior growth characteristics in the year to come and beyond. In time, the earnings growth of such companies should be reflected in the market value of their common shares.

**CONSOLIDATED TRUST FUNDS
INVESTMENTS - DECEMBER 31, 1998**

<u>SAVINGS</u>			<u>COST</u>	<u>MARKET PRICE (\$)</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>% of PORTFOLIO</u>
SSGA Funds US Govt. Money Market Fund			\$ 140,093		\$ 140,093	5.22%
BONDS						
70,000	U.S. Treasury 6.375%	07/15/99	70,183	100.94	70,658	2.63%
70,000	U.S. Treasury 5.50%	04/15/00	71,611	101.03	70,721	2.63%
40,000	U.S. Treasury 8%	05/15/01	39,553	107.41	42,964	1.60%
30,000	U.S. Treasury 6.25%	10/15/01	30,426	104.16	31,248	1.16%
75,000	U.S. Treasury 7.5%	05/15/02	74,908	108.56	81,420	3.03%
70,000	U.S. Treasury 6.25%	02/15/03	71,202	105.69	73,983	2.76%
70,000	U.S. Treasury 5.875%	02/15/04	66,772	105.53	73,871	2.75%
35,000	U.S. Treasury 6.5%	05/15/05	34,990	109.59	38,357	1.43%
45,000	U.S. Treasury 5 5/8%	02/15/06	42,647	105.47	47,462	1.77%
70,000	U.S. Treasury 6.25%	02/15/07	69,424	109.69	76,783	2.86%
80,000	U.S. Treasury 5.50%	02/15/08	79,750	106.00	84,800	3.16%
TOTAL US Government Obligations			\$ 651,466		\$ 692,266	25.79%
35,000	Indiana Bell 4 3/4%	10/01/05	24,500	95.50	33,425	1.25%
2,000	Southwestern Bell 6.75%	06/01/08	2,000	102.25	2,045	0.08%
TOTAL Corporate Obligations			26,500		35,470	1.32%
TOTAL BONDS			\$ 677,966		\$ 727,736	27.11%
COMMON STOCK						
700	AT&T		18,125	75.75	53,025	1.98%
2000	Abbott Laboratories		32,405	49.00	98,000	3.65%
800	Ameritech		8,916	63.38	50,700	1.89%
3,500	Coca Cola		6,653	67.00	234,500	8.74%
1,200	Emerson Electric		11,618	60.50	72,600	2.70%
2,000	General Electric		21,029	102.00	204,000	7.60%
2,000	Gillette		30,631	47.81	95,625	3.56%
500	GTE		16,537	65.00	32,500	1.21%
400	Hewlett Packard		21,790	68.31	27,324	1.02%
600	International Flavors & Fragrances		29,100	44.19	26,513	0.99%
2,000	Johnson & Johnson		39,502	83.88	167,760	6.25%
2,000	Kellogg		7,990	34.13	68,250	2.54%
1,000	Lucent Technologies		21,409	109.94	109,938	4.10%
1,800	Merck		9,290	147.50	265,500	9.89%
800	Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing		15,940	71.13	56,900	2.12%
400	Motorola		28,301	61.06	24,425	0.91%
1,400	Pepsico		20,218	40.88	57,225	2.13%
1,600	Procter & Gamble		10,931	91.31	146,100	5.44%
300	Texas Instruments		17,514	85.63	25,688	0.96%
TOTAL COMMON STOCK			\$ 367,898		\$ 1,816,572	67.67%
TOTAL PRINCIPAL			\$ 1,185,958		\$ 2,684,401	100.00%
Income			284,152.67		284,152.67	
TOTAL ACCOUNT			\$ 1,470,111		\$ 2,968,554	

WESTON WELL DAMAGE FUND
INVESTMENTS - DECEMBER 31, 1998

				MARKET	% OF			
<u>SAVINGS</u>				<u>COST</u>	<u>PRICE (\$)</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>PORTFOLIO</u>	
SSGA Funds US Govt. Money Market Fund				\$	57,017	\$	57,017	1.81%
<u>BONDS</u>								
10,000	U.S. Treasury 6.375%	07/15/99		10,013	100.94	10,094	0.32%	
50,000	U.S. Treasury 8%	08/15/99		49,065	102.03	51,015	1.62%	
50,000	U.S. Treasury 6.375%	01/15/00		50,540	101.72	50,860	1.61%	
40,000	U.S. Treasury 8.5%	02/15/00		40,133	104.09	41,636	1.32%	
50,000	U.S. Treasury 7.75%	02/15/01		49,702	106.16	53,080	1.69%	
40,000	U.S. Treasury 5.625%	02/28/01		39,411	102.03	40,812	1.30%	
90,000	U.S. Treasury 6.375%	08/15/02		89,114	105.47	94,923	3.01%	
80,000	U.S. Treasury 6.25%	02/15/03		80,620	105.69	84,552	2.68%	
40,000	U.S. Treasury 5.875%	02/15/04		38,919	105.53	42,212	1.34%	
50,000	U.S. Treasury 7.25%	08/15/04		50,431	112.47	56,235	1.79%	
50,000	U.S. Treasury 7.5%	02/15/05		50,123	114.47	57,235	1.82%	
30,000	U.S. Treasury 6.5%	05/15/05		30,000	109.59	32,877	1.04%	
80,000	U.S. Treasury 5.625%	02/15/06		75,844	105.47	84,376	2.68%	
80,000	U.S. Treasury 6.25%	02/15/07		79,375	109.69	87,752	2.79%	
50,000	U.S. Treasury 5.5%	02/15/08		49,844	106.00	53,000	1.68%	
50,000	U.S. Treasury 0.0%	11/15/08		51,000	100.78	50,390	1.60%	
TOTAL BONDS				\$	834,133	\$	891,049	28.29%
<u>COMMON STOCK</u>								
800	AT&T			28,188	75.75	60,600	1.92%	
800	Bell Atlantic			14,369	54.00	43,200	1.37%	
4,200	Coca Cola			6,214	67.00	281,400	8.93%	
2,000	Emerson Electric			14,032	60.50	121,000	3.84%	
3,920	General Electric			14,631	102.00	399,840	12.69%	
1200	Gillette			19,043	47.81	57,375	1.82%	
4,000	Johnson & Johnson			14,591	83.88	335,500	10.65%	
3,000	Kellogg			7,737	34.13	102,375	3.25%	
518	Lucent Technologies			11,673	109.94	56,948	1.81%	
2,500	Merck			11,915	147.50	368,750	11.71%	
800	Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing			16,467	71.13	56,900	1.81%	
300	Motorola			24,011	61.06	18,319	0.58%	
3,280	Procter & Gamble			15,491	91.31	299,505	9.51%	
TOTAL COMMON STOCK				\$	198,361	\$	2,201,711	69.90%
TOTAL PRINCIPAL				\$	1,089,512	\$	3,149,778	100.00%
Income					83,824		83,824	
TOTAL ACCOUNT				\$	1,173,335	\$	3,233,601	

JOSIAH SMITH TAVERN TRUST
INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1998

SAVINGS		<u>COST</u>	<u>MARKET PRICE (\$)</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>% OF PORTFOLIO</u>
SSGA Funds US Govt. Money Market Fun	\$	10,397	\$	10,397	4.16%
BONDS					
20,000 U.S. Treasury 6.375% 7/15/99		20,021	100.94	20,188	8.09%
10,000 U.S. Treasury 8% 5/15/01		10,144	107.41	10,741	4.30%
10,000 U.S. Treasury 6.375% 8/15/02		9,938	105.47	10,547	4.22%
20,000 U.S. Treasury 7.25% 8/15/04		20,175	112.47	22,494	9.01%
10,000 U.S. Treasury 5.50% 2/15/08		<u>9,969</u>	106.00	<u>10,600</u>	<u>4.25%</u>
TOTAL BONDS	\$	70,247	\$	74,570	29.87%
COMMON STOCKS					
200 Electronic Data Systems		9,654	50.19	10,038	4.02%
200 General Electric		4,917	102.00	20,400	8.17%
400 Gillette		6,227	47.81	19,125	7.66%
100 International Flavors & Fragan		4,892	44.19	4,419	1.77%
200 Johnson & Johnson		10,309	83.88	16,775	6.72%
150 Merck		3,923	147.50	22,125	8.86%
280 Minnesota Mining & Manufactur		5,211	71.13	19,915	7.98%
600 Pepsico		10,254	40.88	24,525	9.82%
300 Procter & Gamble		<u>1,965</u>	91.31	<u>27,393</u>	<u>10.97%</u>
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	\$	57,352	\$	164,715	65.97%
TOTAL PRINCIPAL	\$	137,996	\$	249,682	100.00%
Income		<u>27,288</u>		<u>27,288</u>	
TOTAL ACCOUNT	\$	165,284	\$	276,970	

WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS FUND
INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1998

SAVINGS		<u>COST</u>	<u>MARKET PRICE (\$)</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>% OF PORTFOLIO</u>
SSGA Funds US Govt. Money Market Fund	\$	7,201		\$ 7,201	3.90%
BONDS					
10,000 U.S. Treasury 8.875% 02/15/99		9,850	100.47	10,047	5.45%
10,000 U.S. Treasury 5.75% 08/15/03		10,088	104.37	10,437	5.66%
10,000 U.S. Treasury 5.625% 02/15/06		9,180	105.47	10,547	5.72%
10,000 U.S. Treasury 6.25% 02/15/07		9,780	109.69	10,969	5.95%
10,000 U.S. Treasury 5.625% 05/15/08		10,081	106.69	10,669	5.78%
TOTAL BONDS	\$	48,979		\$ 52,669	28.55%
COMMON STOCKS					
100 AT&T		3,980	75.75	7,575	4.11%
200 Abbott		4,392	49.00	9,800	5.31%
200 Coca Cola		4,311	67.00	13,400	7.26%
100 Electronic Data Systems		4,881	50.19	5,019	2.72%
200 General Electric		1,862	102.00	20,400	11.06%
100 Johnson & Johnson		5,162	83.88	8,388	4.55%
400 Kellogg		1,602	34.13	13,650	7.40%
200 Lucent		5,017	109.94	21,988	11.92%
100 Motorola		6,094	61.06	6,106	3.31%
200 Procter & Gamble Co.		8,706	91.31	18,263	9.90%
TOTAL COMMON STOCK	\$	46,007		\$ 124,588	67.54%
TOTAL PRINCIPAL	\$	102,187		\$ 184,458	100.00%
Income		8,265		8,265	
TOTAL ACCOUNT	\$	110,452		\$ 192,723	

**NOYES LIBRARY TRUST FUND
INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1998**

				MARKET		% OF
SAVINGS				<u>COST</u>	<u>PRICE (\$)</u>	<u>VALUE</u> <u>PORTFOLIO</u>
SSGA Funds US Govt. Money Market Fund				\$ 31,844	\$	31,844 1.60%
BONDS						
30,000	U.S. Treasury 8 7/8%	02/15/99	30,331	100.47	30,141	1.51%
20,000	U.S. Treasury 5 1/2%	02/28/99	20,121	100.12	20,024	1.01%
30,000	U.S. Treasury 8 1/2%	02/15/00	29,916	104.09	31,227	1.57%
20,000	U.S. Treasury 5 1/2%	04/15/00	20,140	101.03	20,206	1.01%
50,000	U.S. Treasury 7 3/4%	02/15/01	49,479	106.16	53,080	2.66%
50,000	U.S. Treasury 7 1/2%	05/15/02	49,948	108.56	54,280	2.72%
50,000	U.S. Treasury 6 1/4%	02/15/03	51,075	105.69	52,845	2.65%
50,000	U.S. Treasury 5 7/8%	02/15/04	48,440	105.53	52,765	2.65%
50,000	U.S. Treasury 6 1/2%	05/15/05	51,250	109.59	54,795	2.75%
50,000	U.S. Treasury 5 5/8%	02/15/06	45,781	105.47	52,735	2.65%
50,000	U.S. Treasury 6 1/4%	02/15/07	49,650	109.69	54,845	2.75%
50,000	U.S. Treasury 5 5/8%	05/15/08	50,375	106.69	53,345	2.68%
TOTAL BONDS				\$ 496,506	\$ 530,288	26.62%
COMMON STOCK						
700	AT&T		18,167	75.75	53,025	2.66%
2,400	Abbott Labs		14,782	49.00	117,600	5.90%
400	Automatic Data		14,002	80.19	32,075	1.61%
3,200	Coca-Cola		15,972	67.00	214,400	10.76%
500	Fall River Gas Co.		18,500	16.88	8,438	0.42%
2,000	General Electric		24,343	102.00	204,000	10.24%
1,600	Gillette		23,905	47.81	76,500	3.84%
300	International Flavors & Fragrances		14,477	44.19	13,256	0.67%
1,600	Johnson & Johnson		15,620	83.88	134,200	6.74%
1,400	Kellogg		35,592	34.13	47,775	2.40%
452	Lucent Technologies		7,415	109.94	49,692	2.49%
1,000	Merck		27,197	147.50	147,500	7.40%
600	Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing		25,318	71.13	42,675	2.14%
400	Motorola		24,502	61.06	24,425	1.23%
2,000	Pepsico		28,671	40.88	81,750	4.10%
2,000	Procter & Gamble		42,115	91.31	182,625	9.17%
TOTAL COMMON STOCK				\$ 350,577	\$ 1,429,936	71.78%
TOTAL PRINCIPAL				\$ 878,928	\$ 1,992,068	100.00%
Income				39,511	39,511	
TOTAL ACCOUNT				<u>\$ 918,439</u>	<u>\$ 2,031,579</u>	

**BEN SANDALLS MEMORIAL FUND
INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1998**

				<u>COST</u>	<u>MARKET PRICE (\$)</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>% OF PORTFOLIO</u>
SAVINGS							
SSGA Funds US Govt. Money Market Fund	\$	8,037			\$	8,037	10.46%
BONDS							
10,000 U.S. Treasury 8%	05/15/01	9,890	107.41	10,741	13.98%		
10,000 U.S. Treasury 7 1/2%	05/15/02	10,012	108.56	10,856	14.13%		
10,000 U.S. Treasury 7.25%	08/15/04	9,984	112.47	11,247	14.64%		
10,000 U.S. Treasury 5.625%	02/15/06	9,169	105.47	10,547	13.72%		
TOTAL BONDS	\$	39,055		\$	43,391	56.46%	
COMMON STOCKS							
100 General Electric		7,392	102.00	10,200	13.27%		
100 Hewlett Packard		6,875	68.31	6,831	8.89%		
100 Johnson & Johnson		5,149	83.88	8,388	10.92%		
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	\$	19,416		\$	25,419	33.08%	
TOTAL PRINCIPAL	\$	66,508		\$	76,847	100.00%	
Income		2,241			2,241		
TOTAL ACCOUNT	\$	68,749		\$	79,088		

**JOSEPH MATHIAS NAUGHTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND
INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1998**

				<u>COST</u>	<u>MARKET PRICE (\$)</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>% OF PORTFOLIO</u>
SAVINGS							
SSGA Funds US Govt. Money Market Fund	\$	7,030			\$	7,030	41.05%
BONDS							
10,000 U.S. Treasury 6.375%	7/15/99	10,015	100.94	10,094	23.26%		
TOTAL PRINCIPAL	\$	17,045		\$	17,124	64.32%	
Income		510			510		
TOTAL ACCOUNT	\$	17,555		\$	17,634		

ROSAMOND SEARS LIBRARY FUND INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1998

			<u>COST</u>	<u>MARKET PRICE (\$)</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>% OF PORTFOLIO</u>
<u>SAVINGS</u>						
SSGA Funds US Govt. Money Market Fund			\$ 58,135		\$ 58,135	8.86%
<u>BONDS</u>						
20,000 U.S. Treasury 6.0%	10/15/99		20,077	101.03	20,206	3.08%
20,000 U.S. Treasury 5.50%	04/15/00		19,702	101.03	20,206	3.08%
20,000 U.S. Treasury 6.375%	08/15/02		20,377	105.47	21,094	3.22%
20,000 U.S. Treasury 6.25%	02/15/03		20,102	105.69	21,138	3.22%
20,000 U.S. Treasury 5.875%	02/15/04		19,602	105.53	21,106	3.22%
20,000 U.S. Treasury 6.50%	05/15/05		<u>20,502</u>	109.59	<u>21,918</u>	<u>3.34%</u>
TOTAL BONDS			\$ 120,364		\$ 125,668	19.16%
<u>COMMON STOCKS</u>						
200 AT&T			6,930	75.75	15,150	2.31%
600 Abbott Laboratories			13,790	49.00	29,400	4.48%
400 Ameritech			10,377	63.38	25,350	3.86%
200 Automatic Data Processing			7,700	80.19	16,038	2.44%
200 Coca Cola			8,052	67.00	13,400	2.04%
900 Disney			18,440	30.00	27,000	4.12%
300 Electronic Data Systems			14,365	50.19	15,057	2.30%
200 Emerson Electric			8,102	60.50	12,100	1.84%
400 General Electric			13,017	102.00	40,800	6.22%
400 Gillette			8,527	47.81	19,125	2.92%
400 Hewlett Packard			18,452	68.31	27,324	4.17%
300 Int'l Flavors & Fragrances			14,694	44.19	13,257	2.02%
300 Johnson & Johnson			11,867	83.88	25,163	3.84%
600 Lucent Technology			14,731	109.94	65,964	10.06%
300 Merck			23,344	147.50	44,250	6.75%
100 Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing			5,802	71.13	7,113	1.08%
200 Motorola			12,077	61.06	12,212	1.86%
300 Pepsico			8,076	40.88	12,263	1.87%
200 Procter & Gamble			7,202	91.31	18,262	2.78%
1,200 Sysco			<u>17,802</u>	27.44	<u>32,928</u>	<u>5.02%</u>
TOTAL COMMON STOCK			\$ 243,349		\$ 472,155	71.98%
TOTAL PRINCIPAL			\$ 421,848		\$ 655,958	100.00%
Income			<u>104,957</u>		<u>104,957</u>	
TOTAL ACCOUNT			\$ 526,805		\$ 760,915	

GLADWELL LIBRARY FUND
(Walter Barton Memorial Fund)
INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1998

			<u>COST</u>	<u>MARKET PRICE (\$)</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>% OF PORTFOLIO</u>
SAVINGS						
SSGA Funds US Govt. Money Market Fund	\$	103,691		\$	103,691	27.10%
BONDS						
10,000 U.S. Treasury 6.25%		10/31/01	10,146	104.16	10,416	2.72%
10,000 U.S. Treasury 6.375%		08/15/02	10,330	105.47	10,547	2.76%
10,000 U.S. Treasury 6.25%		02/15/03	10,237	105.69	10,569	2.76%
10,000 U.S. Treasury 5.875%		02/15/04	9,947	105.53	10,553	2.76%
10,000 U.S. Treasury 6.50%		08/15/05	10,285	109.87	10,987	2.87%
10,000 U.S. Treasury 5.625%		02/15/06	9,661	105.47	10,547	2.76%
10,000 U.S. Treasury 6.25%		02/15/07	9,967	109.69	10,969	2.87%
TOTAL BONDS	\$		70,572		\$ 74,588	19.49%
COMMON STOCKS						
125 American International Group			9,235	96.63	12,078	3.16%
100 Automatic Data			4,390	80.19	8,019	2.10%
200 Coca Cola			13,088	67.00	13,400	3.50%
300 EDS			11,777	50.19	15,057	3.94%
100 Emerson Electric			4,777	60.50	6,050	1.58%
100 General Electric			5,071	102.00	10,200	2.67%
200 Gillette			8,684	47.81	9,562	2.50%
100 Hewlett-Packard			5,002	68.31	6,831	1.79%
200 Johnson & Johnson			11,462	83.88	16,775	4.38%
400 Lucent Technologies			10,355	109.94	43,976	11.49%
100 Merck & Co.			14,913	147.50	14,750	3.85%
100 J.P. Morgan & Co.			10,285	105.06	10,506	2.75%
300 Pepsico			8,692	40.88	12,263	3.20%
400 Sysco			6,952	27.44	10,976	2.87%
TOTAL COMMON STOCK (US Companies)	\$		124,683		\$ 190,443	49.77%
AMERICAN DEPOSITORY RECEIPTS (Foreign Cos.)						
300 Schlumberger Ltd. Com.			14,119	46.38	13,913	3.64%
TOTAL EQUITIES	\$		138,802		\$ 204,355	53.41%
TOTAL PRINCIPAL	\$		313,065		\$ 382,634	100.00%
Income			38,167		38,167	
TOTAL ACCOUNT	\$		351,232		\$ 420,801	

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The tax rate for Fiscal Year 1999 (beginning July 1, 1998) was set on December 1, 1998, at \$11.73 per \$1,000, down from \$13.37 the previous year. Due to the rising real estate market and the Board's triennial revaluation, assessments increased by an overall average of twenty-one percent over the last three years. Total taxable value, which in 1997 surpassed \$2 billion dollars for the first time, was just under \$2.5 billion this year. New growth alone amounted to over \$50,000,000.

During 1998 the Assessors' staff inspected 629 properties based on building permits issued. Some were carryovers from the previous year when work was not completed by January 1, the assessment date. Included in these inspections were 108 new houses (in various stages of construction), 193 remodeling projects, 150 additions and the balance in pools, sheds, porches, tennis courts, garages, etc.

The Board of Assessors is in the third year of its project of re-inspection of properties in town. Two individuals from Real Estate Research Consultants, Inc. have been working on this project since July, 1996 and are close to completion. Every home in Town has been visited and re-measured and many have had interior inspections done with the resulting data entered into our computer system. The Board appreciates the reception which these representatives have received.

The Board urges taxpayers of the Town to carefully consider the choices offered to them at Town Meeting and on the ballot and to remember that the tax rate is determined as a result of these choices.

The Board of Assessors continues to encourage qualified property owners to apply for exemptions as allowed by state law. The Massachusetts General Laws allow for exemptions for the elderly (over 70), disabled veterans, the blind, surviving spouses and the infirm who qualify. In addition, tax deferrals are available to senior citizens (over 65) whose income is below \$40,000.

The Board wishes to thank its Town Hall staff of Reba Campbell, Kathy Worton and Sebastian Tine for their assistance to the Board in the performance of its duties. On the last day of 1998, Ms. Reba Campbell retired after almost 15 years of service to the Board and the town. The Board wishes Reba good health and happiness in her retirement. She will be missed. She will be replaced by Ms. Beverly Gotovich, who moves up from her position in the Building Department.

SUMMARY OF TAX RATE CALCULATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999

(as of January 1, 1998)

Gross Amount to be raised:

Town Appropriations

From Tax levy	\$ 33,363,674.00	
From Available Funds	<u>1,178,448.75</u>	34,542,122.75

Matuing Debt & interest on Debt

3,129,939.48

Offsets: Estimated receipts from

Commonwealth to be used for
specific purposes

748,548.00

Overlay Deficits

1,483.38

Estimated Charges:

State 236,515.00

County 50,664.00 287,179.00

Overlay - Fiscal Year 1999

408,700.91

\$ 39,117,973.52

Less: Estimated Receipts and

Available Funds

Total Estimated Receipts from

Commonwealth 2,416,827.00

Estimated Receipts from local sources 5,509,590.00

Appropriated from available funds,
including Federal Revenue Sharing

2,528,448.75 10,454,865.75

Net amount to be raised by taxation

\$ 28,663,107.77

Taxes committed for collection

Taxes levied at \$11.73 per \$1,000 of
valuation

Real Property Tax 28,460,550.61

Personal Property Tax 202,557.16 \$ 28,663,107.77

Total Value of assessed personal estate

\$ 17,268,300.00

Assessed value of Real Estate

Residential 2,319,265,000.00

Commercial 98,135,300.00

Industrial 8,904,100.00

Total Value of Assessed Real Estate

2,426,304,400.00

Total Value of Assessed Estate

\$ 2,443,572,700.00

Number of parcels of Real Estate 4016

Number of exempt properties 299

Number of bills on Real Estate 3717

Number of bills on Personal Property 136

TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Tallies are based upon the Property Type Classification Codes
established by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

Dwelling Houses	3331
Multiple Dwelling Properties	35
Condominiums	28
Non-Exempt Vacant Parcels	217
Accessory Land with Improvements	12
Commercial properties	53
Industrial Properties	3
Parcels Classified under Ch. 61 (Forest Management)	5
Parcels Classified under Ch. 61A (Agricultural/Horticultural)	17
Parcels Classified under Ch. 61B (Recreational Use)	10
Exempt Parcels	299

PROPERTY EXEMPTED UNDER M.G.L., CHAPTER 59, SECTION 5, CLAUSE 3

Trustees of Boston College (Weston Observatory)	3,082,000
Cambridge School, Inc.	5,271,200
Campion Residence & Renewal Center	9,750,100
Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum, Inc.	1,192,200
Margaret Gifford School	2,017,300
Golden Ball Tavern Trust	1,227,000
Meadowbrook School of Weston	2,780,700
Northeastern University	3,127,800
President & Fellows of Harvard University	10,360,800
Red Barn Nursery School	411,400
Regis College	46,751,400
Rivers Country Day School	4,847,300
Pope John XXIII Nat'l. Seminary	8,479,900
Weston College	2,423,500
Wellesley Conservation Council	34,000
Weston Scouts, Inc.	501,500
Weston Community Housing	3,528,400
Weston Forest & Trail Assoc., Inc.	10,120,500
Weston Wing, Inc.	348,900

TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

January 1, 1998

LOCATION	LAND (acres)	TOTAL VALUE	
Cemeteries			
0 Boston Post Rd	0.9	286,700	
0 Boston Post Rd	7	789,100	
0 Boston Post Rd	3	637,300	
0 Boston Post Rd BP	50	5,126,100	
0 South Ave	0.5	15,000	
Conservation			
0 Bemis St	9.68	290,400	formerly Suit
0 Boston Post Rd	8.6	258,000	formerly Kelley, J. & D.
0 Boston Post Rd	8	240,000	
0 Boston Post Rd	8	240,000	
0 Boston Post Rd	0.6	117,000	
0 Boston Post Rd	19.2	576,000	formerly Antico
0 Boston Post Rd	3.52	105,600	formerly Rayner
0 Boston Post Rd	3	90,000	
0 Boston Post Rd	2.28	444,600	
0 Boston Post Rd	11.46	649,800	formerly W. Methodist Church
0 Boston Post Rd BP	8.31	502,700	formerly Magazzu
0 Boston Post Rd BP	3.23	494,500	formerly Colpitts, Boyd & Michaels
0 Chestnut St	23	1,150,000	formerly Paine
0 Chestnut St	30.98	1,549,000	
0 Church St	2.24	363,200	
0 Church St	44.82	6,524,700	formerly Coburn, Arthur
0 Church St	2.44	73,200	formerly Owen
0 Cliff Rd	2.55	754,500	formerly Marden
0 Conant Rd	6.94	208,200	formerly Simons, J. & M.
0 Conant Rd	8.37	251,100	formerly Clancy, H. & E.
0 Conant Rd	7.55	532,500	formerly Adams
0 Conant Rd	1.25	37,500	formerly Rees & Kontoff
0 Concord Rd	12.26	367,800	formerly Van Leer
0 Concord Rd	18.6	558,000	formerly Speare
0 Concord Rd	21.65	649,500	formerly Cohen
0 Concord Rd	2.93	87,900	formerly Janeway, C & E
0 Concord Rd	3.95	118,500	formerly Lutyens
0 Concord Rd	146.18	7,955,400	formerly Campion Center
0 Concord Rd	10.18	664,500	formerly Cummings & Janeway
0 Concord Rd	15.2	456,000	formerly Bartlett
0 Concord Rd	41.87	5,036,500	formerly Weston College
0 Concord Rd	1.12	311,500	formerly Willis, N. & A. & Chadwick, H.

27 Crescent St	61.47	2,175,300	formerly Sears, E. & R.
0 Deer Path Ln	20.97	838,800	formerly Dickson, Ela & Orcutt
0 Doublet Hill Rd	35.09	1,754,500	Weston R.E. Trust
0 Eleanor Rd	0.94	302,300	formerly Brodrick & Scholz
0 Glen Rd	5.54	221,600	formerly McNutt, F. & Eliz.
0 Glen Rd	6.53	261,200	formerly McNutt, Evelyn
0 Gun Club Ln	7.87	236,100	formerly Bartlett
0 Hemlock Rd	2.55	76,500	formerly Owen
0 Hemlock Rd	4.07	122,100	formerly Owen
0 Highland St	5	250,000	formerly Nolte
0 Highland St	7.31	292,400	formerly Woodworth
0 Highland St	18.2	728,000	formerly Germeshausen, Hubbard
0 Indian Hill Rd	36.88	1,106,400	formerly Hunt, A. & F.
0 Laxfield Rd	4.27	170,800	formerly Johnson
0 Legion Rd	6.77	203,100	
0 Lexington St	8.02	1,303,300	formerly Dumaine
0 Lexington St	9.23	276,900	formerly Dumaine
0 Lexington St	6.5	195,000	formerly Dumaine
0 Lexington St	4.67	665,300	formerly Dumaine
0 Love Ln	3.26	163,000	formerly Martin
0 Love Ln	8.5	425,000	formerly Dickson, B.
0 North Ave	5.58	456,000	formerly Miller & Newon
0 Norumbega Rd	1.38	336,200	
0 October Ln	2.6	78,000	formerly Connolly
0 October Ln	0.69	270,000	formerly Connolly
0 Off Bakers Hill Rd	0.42	81,900	
0 Off Concord Rd	15.69	470,600	formerly Weston College
0 Off Doublet Hill Rd	3.51	175,500	
0 Off Rocky Ledge	0.79	3,900	
0 Old Rd	17.4	521,900	formerly Paine
0 Ridgeway Rd	6.7	912,000	formerly Bidwell, Eldridge, Stone
0 Ridgeway Rd	13.5	540,000	formerly Forest & Trail
0 Ripley Ln	33.5	6,532,500	formerly Beamish
0 Ripley Ln	5	562,500	formerly Campbell, Elwell & Swiedler
0 Ripley Ln	46.91	1,407,300	formerly Campbell, Elwell & Swiedler
0 Ripley Ln	15.72	471,600	formerly Campbell, Elwell & Swiedler
0 River Rd	0.64	16,000	formerly Trs. of Weston R.E. Trust
0 South Ave	2.16	64,800	formerly Keerd
0 Sudbury Rd	0.36	10,900	formerly Smith
0 Sudbury Rd	24.13	723,900	formerly Smith
0 Sudbury Rd	20.94	628,200	formerly Locke
0 Sudbury Rd	25.64	769,200	formerly Akers
0 Sudbury Rd	3.44	103,200	formerly Bishop
0 Sudbury Rd	11.38	341,400	formerly Whittemore, W. & B.
0 Sudbury Rd	1.38	336,200	formerly Field
0 Sudbury Rd	4.99	149,700	formerly Field
0 Sudbury Rd	14.64	745,200	formerly Locke
0 Summer St	0.13	25,400	formerly Trs. of Weston R.E. Trust

0 Summer St	0.83	161,900	formerly Trs. of Weston R.E. Trust
0 Summer St	0.11	21,500	formerly Trs. of Weston R.E. Trust
0 Sylvan Ln	5.35	622,000	formerly Blaney
0 Terrace Rd	0.93	27,800	formerly Suffolk Franklin S.B.
0 Terrace Rd	0.94	28,300	formerly Suffolk Franklin S.B.
0 Terrace Rd	1.08	32,400	formerly Suffolk Franklin S.B.
0 Trailside Rd	31.08	1,243,200	formerly Renco
0 Viles St	3	90,000	formerly Viles, Mary, Jay II & Henry
0 Walker St	8.35	41,800	formerly Jutras
0 Warren Ave	5.44	884,000	
0 Warren Ave	0.6	220,200	formerly Lingley, T.R.
0 Wellesley St	22.3	334,500	formerly Danforth, Nancy
0 Wellesley St	2.27	374,100	formerly Danforth, Nicholas & Nancy
0 Wellesley St	29	1,176,000	formerly Blaney, D. & M.
0 Wellesley St	19.2	576,000	formerly Danforth, Nancy
0 Winter St	13.6	408,000	formerly Blaney, D. & M.
0 Wood Ridge Rd	8.41	252,300	formerly Lord, John & Jane
0 Young Rd	15	2,110,000	formerly Mass Audubon Socy
0 Young Rd	9.62	288,600	formerly Forest & Trail

Elderly Housing Committee

44 School St	16.3	7,282,900	Brook School Elderly Housing
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Fire Department

0 Boston Post Rd	0.49	1,732,900	Central Sta.
0 Center St	2.09	344,500	
0 North Ave	0.09	54,200	Kendal Green Sta.
0 South Ave	1.37	1,419,000	South Av. Sta.

Highway Department

0 Boston Post Rd BP	6.55	1,109,100	Garage
0 Church St	3.31	99,300	
0 Off Church St	17.71	531,300	Storage Bldg - Landfill

Josiah Smith Tavern

358 Boston Post Rd	6.61	1,973,500	Josiah Smith Tavern
0 Boston Post Rd B P	2.21	319,700	

Miscellaneous

0 Church St	0.81	158,000	nr. Kendal Green RR Sta.
0 Church St	1.16	34,800	nr. Kendal Green RR Sta.
0 Hobbs Brook Rd	1.08	32,400	nr. Kendal Green RR Sta.
0 Lexington St	2.3	6,900	Misc.
0 School St	0.27	52,700	
0 South Ave	1.38	41,300	
0 Wellesley St	13.46	201,900	formerly Forest/Trails

Municipal Purposes

0 Bay State Rd	0.43	17,300	formerly Weston Land Co.
0 Church St	0.1	3,000	
0 Merriam St	34.38	1,444,900	formerly Weston Coll
0 Newton St	35.66	3,110,200	formerly Harvard
0 Park Rd	0.92	27,500	
0 Wellesley St	3	528,000	

Library

356 Boston Post Rd	0.63	1,033,700	Boston Post Rd. & School St.
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Parks & Recreation

0 Bogle St	4.22	126,600	
0 Boston Post Rd	1.25	324,000	Soldiers Field Town Park
0 Boston Post Rd	1.28	277,300	Children's Park
0 Cherry Brook Rd	5.58	803,200	
0 Drabbington Way	64.3	1,929,000	Cat Rock
0 Gail Rd	25	1,000,000	
0 Highland St	0.3	3,500,300	formerly Nolte
0 Highland St	4.7	3,500,300	formerly Nolte
0 Newton St	0.01	76,100	South Park
0 Park Rd	19	2,367,800	Weston Park
0 Town House Rd	1.83	508,700	Lamson Park
0 Viles St	2.6	565,500	
0 Wellesley St	1.5	468,000	Case Park

School Department

10 Alphabet Ln	31.39	6,058,900	Woodland Sch.
99 School St	46	17,729,600	Field, Country Sch & Case House & Pool
444 Wellesley St	61.45	34,575,800	High Sch & Middle Sch.
456 Wellesley St	41.28	13,228,200	Athletic Field

Board Of Selectmen

153 Church St	0.97	693,100	
0 Church St	3.66	955,700	

Town Forest

0 Boston Post Rd	40.32	1,209,600	formerly Farnsworth
0 Boston Post Rd	101	11,280,000	
0 Concord Rd	68	2,040,000	formerly Farnsworth
0 Concord Rd	10.7	321,000	
0 Gun Club Ln	41.67	1,250,100	formerly Farnsworth
0 Gun Club Ln	22.75	2,007,500	Fiske Forest
0 Highland St	40.11	3,500,300	formerly Nolte
0 Highland St	154.71	8,989,500	formerly Paine
0 Sudbury Rd	48.48	1,454,400	formerly Beriah Ogilvie
18 Warren Ave	11.55	1,009,000	Fiske Forest

Town Hall & Common

0 Town House Rd	3.5	4,151,500	Town Hall
0 Town House Rd	5.8	2,311,000	Town Common

Water Department

0 Highland St	0.73	284,700	
0 Highland St	1.09	487,300	Paines Hill
0 Nobscot Rd	1.79	71,600	Black Oak & Nobscot Rds.
0 Overlook Dr	1.46	43,800	Kendal Green Pumping Sta.
0 Ridgeway Rd	1.6	48,700	Nickerson Field Pumping Sta.
0 River Rd	0.93	23,300	Fitzgerald Well
0 Warren Ave	8	2,220,200	Warren Av. Pumping Sta./Supt. House
460 Wellesley St	0.92	391,200	

TOWN OWNED PARKS

Children's Park 55,670 sq. ft.

Boston Post Road at Route 20 in vicinity of Wellesley Street

Soldier's Field 54,600 sq. ft.

Boston Post Road between Concord Road & Fiske Lane

Weston Park 19 acres

West side of Park Road

Anniversary Park 11,800 sq. ft.

Corner of School Street & Boston Post Road By-Pass

Town Common 5.8 acres

Lamson Park 1.83 acres

Case Park 1.5 acres

Corner of School Street & Wellesley Street

South Park 169.4 sq. ft.

Corner of South Avenue & Newton Street

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

BALANCE SHEET - JUNE 30, 1998

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS

Operating Cash			6,752,315.98
Petty Cash Reserve			4,095.00
Accounts Receivable:			
Taxes:			
Personal Property			
Prior Year Levies	373.96		
Levy of 1997	534.16		
Levy of 1998	<u>3,004.71</u>	3,912.83	
Real Estate			
Levy of 1998	<u>356,571.82</u>	<u>356,571.82</u>	360,484.65
Provision for Overlay - Prior Yrs		(217,359.11)	
Provision for Overlay - 1997		(153,219.82)	
Provision for Overlay - 1998		<u>(166,756.29)</u>	(537,335.22)
Tax Liens Receivable			713,169.86
Deferred Tax Liens			603,787.63
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise:			
Prior Year Levies		64,860.73	
Levy of 1997		32,301.47	
Levy of 1998		<u>217,051.25</u>	314,213.45
Departmental:			
Town Property Rentals		2,610.00	
Brook School Receivable		(1,926.44)	
Due from Fed Govt. HUD		23,919.23	
Fire Department		134,692.51	
School Department		<u>6,734.02</u>	166,029.32
Water Department:			
Water Liens		1,446.36	
Rates and Services		<u>78,902.35</u>	80,348.71
Total Assets			<u><u>8,457,109.38</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Liabilities

Land Court Proceeds Fore.		1,000.00
Warrants Payable		572,316.62
Payroll Withholding		427,020.91
Deferred Revenue		
Real Estate/Personal Property Tax	(176,850.57)	
Tax Liens	713,169.86	
Deferred Tax Liens	603,787.63	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	314,213.45	
Water Rates	72,610.56	
Water Liens	1,446.36	
Water Miscellaneous	6,291.79	
Departmental	166,029.32	
Subtotal - Deferred Revenue		1,700,698.40
Other Liabilities		
Total Liabilities		2,701,035.93

Well Litigation Settlement Fund	31,241.96
Employee Group Health Insurance	195,328.73
Reserve for Encumbrance Carryovers	1,718,736.30
Reserve for Expenditures	1,715,000.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	2,095,766.46
Total Fund Balances	5,756,073.45
 Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	 8,457,109.38

AGENCY FUNDS

ASSETS

Cash	820,266.10
Total Assets	820,266.10

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Warrants Payable		22,679.13
Fund Balances:		
Off Duty Details	(51,770.93)	
Tailings	23,616.33	
Dog Licence Refunds	7,161.25	
Water Blanket Extensions	80,421.81	
Treasurer/Collector	1,797.24	
Security & Developer Deposits	759,040.40	
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		820,266.10

RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

ASSETS

Cash	170,938.57
Total Assets	<u>170,938.57</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Fund Balances:

County Dog Refund	10,583.72
Sale of Land	3,600.00
Wetlands Protection	6,317.50
Sale of Cemetery Lots	37,529.23
Accrued Income-Well Litigation	102,908.12
Fire Department Easement	10,000.00
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>170,938.57</u>

CHAPTER 90 HIGHWAY FUND

ASSETS

Cash	(576,528.05)
Due from State	576,528.05
Authorized Projects	<u>501,053.95</u>
Total Assets	<u>501,053.95</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Authorized Projects	501,053.95
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>501,053.95</u>

HEALTH TRUST FUND

ASSETS

Cash	177,509.29
Total Assets	<u>177,509.29</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Fund Balance-Health Trust	177,509.29
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>177,509.29</u>

GIFTS AND GRANTS

ASSETS

Cash	823,260.52
Total Assets	823,260.52

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Warrants Payable	86,718.88
Total Liabilities	86,718.88

Alcohol & Drug Education	75.00	
Brook School Maintenance	20,989.64	
COA Miscellaneous Gifts	4,001.50	
COA Program Gifts	71.90	
COA Transportation	15,380.43	
Helen G. Hill Flower Gifts	23.39	
Library, General Purposes	15,219.66	
Library, Madelyn Wetmore	1,039.00	
Library, Materials Replacement	6,505.54	
Library, Misc. Gifts	2,670.00	
Library, New, Construction Gifts	221.90	
Mobile Data Terminal	673.50	
Recreation - Cambr.Tr. Band Concert	3,965.00	
Recycling Construction Gifts	600.00	
Recycling Education Gifts	79.30	
Recycling Containers	5,225.00	
Special Equipment, Ambulance	1,929.63	
Historical Markers Revolving	2,000.00	
Historical Comm. Gifts	650.00	
Lawnmower Gift Account	500.00	
Volleyball Improvement Gifts	4,371.09	
Wayland 4H Dickson Ring	3,734.48	89,925.96

Grants:

Arts Lottery (Cultural Council)	2,278.58
COA Computer	776.61
COA West Suburban	(1,846.69)
COA Formula Grant	(801.37)
Police Drug Task Force	586.27
Community Policing	121.07
Elections	1,765.00
Fire Grant, School Safety	6,268.60
Library Incentive	13,486.74
Library LCSA Title III	(468.00)
Library Metrowest Rep. Sys.	5,310.39
Library Municipal Equalization	9,157.49
Library Non-Resident Circulation	12,286.97
MWRA Fire Protection Eng.	6,312.50
MWRA Fire Rescue Team	45,760.23

MWRA Fire Dept. Equipment	400,916.83	
MWRA Fire Surface Rescue	3,020.02	
MWRA Fire Dept. Liaison	28,937.18	
MWRA Tree Replacement	30,000.00	
MWRA Water Contingency	100,000.00	
MWRA Engineering & Tech Asst	(17,252.74)	646,615.68
Total Fund Balances		<u>736,541.64</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		<u><u>823,260.52</u></u>

SPECIAL SCHOOL FUNDS ASSETS

Cash		237,847.79
Total Assets		<u><u>237,847.79</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Warrants Payable		28,062.04
Total Liabilities		<u>28,062.04</u>
School Lunch Fund		54,419.78
School Athletic Fund		55,265.67
Miscellaneous Gifts:		
Gifts for General Purposes	119,957.98	
METCO Transportation Gift	16,900.00	
Adult & Community Education	(3,613.61)	
Secondary Enrichment	7,380.39	140,624.76
GRANTS:		
METCO Racial Imbalance	24,916.14	
Idea Preschool	(63,414.27)	
Title VI Chapter II	(4,108.51)	
Project Mainstream	(96.00)	
DDE, Chapter II	8,012.64	
Presidential Math	7,445.30	
Early Childhood Education	(20,710.00)	
Health - Smoking Cessation	2,688.80	
Access to Curr. Frmwk/SPED	525.22	
Drug Free Schools	4,216.22	(40,524.46)
Total Fund Balances		<u>209,785.75</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		<u><u>237,847.79</u></u>

CAPITAL PROJECTS

ASSETS

Cash	2,270,469.57	
Amounts to be Provided - BANS	18,660,000.00	
Total Assets		<u><u>20,930,469.57</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Warrants Payable	361,016.58
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BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES:

Cemetery Development	180,000.00	
Water Mains	475,000.00	
High School Ren.	14,150,000.00	
M.S. Engineering	740,000.00	
Computer Hardware	200,000.00	
Computer Software	130,000.00	
Land Acquisition	1,700,000.00	
Engineering-Sewerage	20,000.00	
Fire Pumper	160,000.00	
Voting Machine	25,000.00	
Engineering-Recreation	30,000.00	
High School Planning	850,000.00	
Total Liabilities		<u><u>18,660,000.00</u></u>
		19,021,016.58

Fund Balances

Purchase Campion Center	1,000.00
Sewer Construction	2,417.39
Acquisition of Land	5,798.44
Computer Hardware	34,877.96
Brook School Elevators	10,048.53
Police Equip. & Furnishings	674.96
Police Roof Repairs	6,653.43
Fire Station Additon	145.38
Fire Dept. Pumper	207.72
New Ambulance, Rescue	33.14
Sidewalk Snowblower	1,447.97
Street Sweeper	160.74
Water Standpipe	3,449.85
Water Extensions	215,972.70
Lay Water Mains	88,756.77
Linwood Cemetery	2,000.00
Refuse Transfer Facility	1,605.52
Landfill Closeout	21,660.73
Reconstruct Athletic Fac.	118.68
Memorial Pool	12,099.93

School Fire Alarm, PA Syst.	15,346.83	
Field School Renovations	77,723.23	
Engineering-Sewerage	5,000.00	
Voting Maching	123.02	
Engineering-Recreation	29,974.44	
High School Football, Bleach.	13,500.00	
Middle School Renovation	(234,217.66)	
High School Renovation	1,585,256.39	
Field School Sewage Disp.	7,616.90	
Total Fund Balances		<u>1,909,452.99</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		<u><u>20,930,469.57</u></u>

CONSOLIDATED TRUST FUNDS - PRINCIPAL

ASSETS

Operating Cash			108,495.91
U.S. Government Bonds:			
At Par Value	655,000.00		
Add - Unamortized Premiums	<u>1,860.63</u>	656,860.63	
Less - Unamortized Discount		(6,725.58)	650,135.05
Other Bonds:			
At Par Value	62,000.00		
Add - Unamortized Premiums	<u>86.73</u>	62,086.73	
Less - Unamortized Discount		(9,187.50)	52,899.23
Common Stock - At Cost			<u>368,161.05</u>
Total Assets			<u><u>1,179,691.24</u></u>

FUND BALANCES

Library Funds:			
Group A	49,632.55		
Group B	5,711.10		
Group C	18,000.62		
Group D	1,042.35		
Group E	12,956.25		
Group F	32,845.49		120,188.36
H.S. Sears Funds:			
School Prize Fund	4,879.90		
Scholarship Fund	22,769.73		
Teachers' Home Fund	16,297.14		
Athletic Field Fund	8,135.29		
Town Common Fund	16,833.06		
Trees and Shrubs Fund	8,135.30		77,050.42
B. Loring Young Fund	434.08		
Merriam Fund for Silent Poor	11,736.23		

Weston War Memorial Educational Fund	182,147.28	
Charles O. Richardson Educational Fund	6,653.01	
Dana W. Carter Memorial Fund	16,569.76	
Alpheus Cutter Cemetery Fund	298.23	
Emma F. Stedman Cemetery Fund	298.01	
Elizabeth L. Sweet Cemetery Fund	698.83	
Elizabeth E. Irving Decoration Fund	738.14	
Laura S. McAuliffe Decoration Fund	440.44	
Laura S. McAuliffe Monument Fund	738.50	
Ida Scott Williams Care of Monument Fund	732.84	
Lena B. Guthrie Memorial Flower Fund	680.04	
E. B. Field Perpetual Care Fund	743.83	
Agnes B. Brock Perpetual Care Fund	1,483.72	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	527,156.08	
ICE Award	4,202.60	
Eula B. Mitchell Flower Fund	609.20	
Will A. & Emily Davenport Library Fund	162,905.33	
Eleanor M. Callow Arts Fund	24,705.47	
Helen V. Zolla COA Activity Fund	13,640.49	
Trees & Shrubs Plant. & Maint. Fund	454.55	
James H. Messing Trust Fund	24,385.80	982,452.46
Total Fund Balances		<u><u>1,179,691.24</u></u>

CONSOLIDATED TRUST FUNDS - INCOME

ASSETS

Operating Cash	252,717.83
Total Assets	<u><u>252,717.83</u></u>

FUND BALANCES

Library Funds:		
Group A	25,384.60	
Group B	2,567.15	
Group C	9,591.80	
Group D	1,921.54	
Group E	1,102.58	
Group F	<u>5,285.46</u>	45,853.13
H. S. Sears Funds:		
School Prize Fund	910.42	
Scholarship Fund	4,409.91	
Teachers' Home Fund	5,657.83	
Athletic Field Fund	1,531.53	
Town Common Fund	27,892.98	
Trees and Shrubs Fund	<u>21,286.03</u>	61,688.70

B. Loring Young Fund	158.00	
Merriam Fund for Silent Poor	2,137.02	
Weston War Memorial Educational Fund	13,851.57	
Charles O. Richardson Educational Fund	9,149.97	
Dana W. Carter Memorial Fund	2,142.80	
Alpheus Cutter Cemetery Fund	1,603.53	
Emma F. Stedman Cemetery Fund	239.01	
Elizabeth L. Sweet Cemetery Fund	1,760.79	
Elizabeth E. Irving Decoration Fund	973.57	
Laura S. McAuliffe Decoration Fund	833.19	
Laura S. McAuliffe Monument Fund	3,004.94	
Ida Scott Williams Care of Monument Fund	2,558.76	
Lena B. Guthrie Memorial Flower Fund	620.09	
E. B. Field Perpetual Care Fund	3,269.80	
Agnes B. Brock Perpetual Care Fund	1,098.18	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	20,057.34	
ICE Award	830.35	
Eula B. Mitchell Flower Fund	186.49	
Will A. & Emily Davenport Library Fund	69,637.03	
Eleanor M. Callow Arts Fund	5,914.76	
Helen V. Zolla COA Activity Fund	2,054.82	
Trees & Shrubs Plant. & Maint. Fund	79.12	
James H. Messing Trust Fund	3,014.87	145,176.00
Total Fund Balances		252,717.83

OTHER TRUST FUNDS

ASSETS

Savings - Principal	3,935,869.25	
Savings - Income	198,330.74	4,134,199.99
Bonds:		
At Par Value	1,759,000.00	
Add - Unamortized Premiums	5,792.49	1,764,792.49
Less: Unamortized Discount	(19,714.14)	1,745,078.35
Common Stocks - at Cost		1,013,214.14
Total Assets		6,892,492.48

FUND BALANCES

WARRANTS PAYABLE	13,010.22
Conservation Land Trust	3,086,114.18
Alpheus Cutter Monument Fund	3,048.33
Alice F. Warren Memorial Library Fund	63,577.37
Alice F. Warren Historical Fund	3,934.79
H. S. Sears Town Hall Fund	88,673.41
World War Trust Fund - Principal	48,436.92

World War Trust Fund - Interest	5,484.27	53,921.19
Stabilization Fund		9,808.04
Joseph M. Naughton Scholarship Fund		17,667.30
Joseph M. Naughton Memorial Fund		16,051.91
Josiah Smith Tavern Fund - Principal	137,840.70	
Josiah Smith Tavern Fund - Income	23,426.45	161,267.15
Well Litigation Settlement Trust Fund		1,094,057.40
Weston Public School Fund - Principal	102,336.26	
Weston Public School Fund - Income	6,115.03	108,451.29
Charles E. Mead Library Trust Fund		189,840.81
Waldo Noyes Trust - Principal	882,634.98	
Waldo Noyes Trust - Income	19,877.32	902,512.30
Ben Sandalls Memorial Fund		67,449.14
Rosamond Sears Library Fund - Principal	443,051.11	
Rosamond Sears Library Fund - Income	73,973.94	517,025.05
Weston Educational Enrichment Fund		164,812.34
Gladwell Library Fund -Principal	299,308.87	
Gladwell Library Fund - Income	31,961.39	331,270.26
Total Fund Balances		6,892,492.48

LONG-TERM DEBT ASSETS

Amount to be Provided for Long-Term Debt	12,175,000.00
Bonds Authorized and Unissued	34,145,770.00
Total Assets	46,320,770.00

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Bond Anticipation Notes	18,660,000.00
Bonds Payable - Inside Debt Limit	7,868,000.00
Bonds Payable -Outside Debt Limit	4,307,000.00
Total Liabilities	30,835,000.00
Fund Balance, Bonds Authorized and Unissued	15,485,770.00
Total Fund Balance	15,485,770.00
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	46,320,770.00

STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS - June 30, 1998

Purpose of Loan and Rate of Interest:	Outstanding June 30, 1997	Issued in 1998*	Paid in 1998	Outstanding June 30, 1998	Principal Due in 1999	Interest Due in 1999
Purpose of Loan and Rate of Interest:						
School Athletic Facilities #1 6.20-6.25%	5,000		5,000	-	-	-
School Energy Conservation #5 5.35-6.70%	107,500		21,500	86,000	21,500	4,417.75
School Energy Conservation #6 3.40-5.20%	55,000		10,000	45,000	10,000	1,595.00
School Remodeling and Extraordinary Repairs 6.50 - 6.60%	300,000		100,000	200,000	100,000	9,900.00
School Bus Garage 6.20 - 6.25%	15,000		15,000	-	-	-
High School/Middle Sch. Arch. & Eng. 4.00-7.00	40,000		10,000	30,000	10,000	1,045.00
School Fire Alarm/P.A. System 3.40-5.20%	23,750		23,750	-	-	-
School Kitchen & Field Sch. Equipment 4.45-5.8	50,000		25,000	25,000	25,000	556.25
Field School Arch. & Eng. Services 4.45-5.80%	60,000		30,000	30,000	30,000	667.50
Field School Renovations #1 4.45 - 5.80%	896,000		52,000	844,000	52,000	43,338.50
Field School Renovations #2 4.00 - 7.00%	700,000		45,000	655,000	40,000	30,447.50
School Computers 4.45 - 5.80%	30,000		10,000	20,000	10,000	677.50
Total School Loans	2,282,250	-	347,250	1,935,000	298,500	92,645.00
Fire Dept. Ambulance 3.40 - 5.20%	18,750		18,750	-	-	-
Highway - Street Sweeper 4.00-7.00%	72,000		18,000	54,000	18,000	1,881.00
Highway - Sidewalk Snowblower 4.00-7.00%	37,000		13,000	24,000	12,000	738.00
Police/Fire Energy Cons. 6.00 - 6.10%	5,000		5,000	-	-	-
Landfill Closure 3.40 - 5.20%	1,102,000		101,000	1,001,000	101,000	41,272.00
Refuse Transfer Facility #1 6.00 - 6.10%	35,000		25,000	10,000	10,000	305.00
Refuse Transfer Facility #2 3.40 - 5.20%	633,000		39,000	594,000	39,000	26,460.00
Refuse Transfer Facility #3 4.45 - 5.80%	989,000		58,000	911,000	58,000	46,588.50
Recreation-Tennis Court Lighting 6.00-6.10%	10,000		5,000	5,000	5,000	152.50
Recreation-Tennis Courts Reconstr. 6.60-6.60%	80,000		20,000	60,000	20,000	3,300.00
Recreation-Memorial Pool 4.45 - 5.80%	512,000		44,000	468,000	44,000	22,501.00
Water Department #1 8.25%	270,000		40,000	230,000	40,000	18,975.00
Water Department #2 6.20 - 6.25%	80,000		80,000	-	-	-
Water Department #3 6.00 - 6.10%	165,000		65,000	100,000	50,000	4,575.00
Water Department #4 6.50 - 6.60%	67,000		5,000	62,000	5,000	3,927.00
Water Department #5 6.50 - 6.60%	503,000		25,000	478,000	25,000	30,723.00

	Outstanding June 30, 1997	Issued in 1998*	Paid in 1998	Outstanding June 30, 1998	Principal Due in 1999	Interest Due in 1999
Water Department #6 5.35 - 6.70%	472,500		17,500	455,000	17,500	28,172.25
Water Department #7 5.35 - 6.70%	365,000		25,000	340,000	25,000	20,497.50
Water Department #8 3.40 - 5.20%	150,000		5,000	145,000	12,000	6,094.00
Water Department #9 4.45 - 5.80%	520,000		30,000	490,000	30,000	25,187.50
Land Acquisition (Case Estates) 6.25%	1,530,000		170,000	1,360,000	170,000	87,550.00
New Library #1 3.40 - 5.20%	962,500		62,500	900,000	63,000	39,699.00
New Library #2 4.45 - 5.80%	1,968,000		116,000	1,852,000	116,000	94,917.00
New Library #3 4.00 - 7.00%	286,000		19,000	267,000	20,000	12,291.00
Elderly Housing 6.30%	240,000		120,000	120,000	120,000	7,560.00
Elderly Housing - Sewer System 5.35-6.70%	90,000		10,000	80,000	10,000	4,585.00
Elderly Housing - Elevators 5.35 - 6.70%	180,000		46,000	134,000	46,000	6,457.00
Computer Hardware 4.00 - 7.00%	86,000		20,000	66,000	20,000	2,346.50
Computer Software 4.00 - 7.00%	54,000		20,000	34,000	20,000	981.00
Grand Total	\$ 13,745,000	-	\$ 1,570,000	\$ 12,175,000	\$1,395,000	\$ 630,381

*No new long-term debt was added during Fiscal Year 1998.

PRINCIPAL DUE ON LOANS OUTSTANDING

As of June 30, 1998

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
School Energy #5	21,500	21,500	21,500	21,500	
School Energy #6	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	5,000
School Remodeling and Extraordinary Repairs	100,000	100,000			
High School/Middle School Architecture & Engineering	10,000	10,000	10,000		
School Kitchen and Field School Equipment	25,000				
Field School Architecture and Engineering	30,000				
Field School Renovations #1	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000
Field School Renovations #2	40,000	45,000	60,000	60,000	50,000
School Computers	10,000	10,000			
Highway - Street Sweeper	18,000	18,000	18,000		
Highway - Sidewalk Snowblower	12,000	12,000			
Landfill Closure	101,000	101,000	101,000	101,000	101,000
Refuse Transfer Facility #1	10,000				
Refuse Transfer Facility #2	39,000	39,000	39,000	39,000	40,000
Refuse Transfer Facility #3	58,000	58,000	58,000	58,000	58,000
Recreation-Tennis Cts. Lighting	5,000				
Recreation-Tennis Cts.Reconstr.	20,000	20,000	20,000		
Recreation-Memorial Pool	44,000	44,000	44,000	44,000	44,000

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Water Department #1	40,000	40,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Water Department #3	50,000	50,000			
Water Department #4	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Water Department #5	25,000	25,000	25,000	45,000	45,000
Water Department #6	17,500	17,500	21,500	58,500	35,000
Water Department #7	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	30,000
Water Department #8	12,000	12,000	12,000	11,000	14,000
Water Department #9	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Land Acquisition (Case Estates)	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000
New Library #1	63,000	63,000	63,000	64,000	65,000
New Library #2	116,000	116,000	116,000	116,000	116,000
New Library #3	20,000	20,000	27,000	20,000	20,000
Elderly Housing	120,000				
Elderly Housing-Sewer System	10,000	10,000	10,000	15,000	5,000
Elderly Housing-Elevators	46,000	46,000	42,000		
Computer Hardware	20,000	21,000	25,000		
Computer Software	20,000	14,000			
Total	\$ 1,395,000	\$ 1,205,000	\$ 1,035,000	\$ 975,000	\$ 915,000

STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998

Accounts indicated by + are continuing appropriations, the balances of which shall be carried forward to the next year. In cases where an amount is carried forward without this designation, the appropriation has been obligated for the payment of liabilities incurred in FY 1997-98.

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION OR FUND	APPROPRIATIONS	TRANSFERS	EXPENDED	BALANCE CARRIED	TRANSFERRED
	FY 1998 & BALANCES July-1-1997	FROM RESERVE FUND	DURING FY 1998	FORWARD TO FY 1999	TO REVENUE FY 1998
GENERAL FUND					
General Government					
Selectmen					
Expenses	5,845.00		5,414.28		430.72
Consulting & Professional Service +	5,000.00				
Balance July 1	63,139.68		29,137.80	39,001.88	
MetroWest Growth Management Com.+	4,409.00		4,409.00		
Housing Needs Committee +					
Balance July 1	10,890.42			10,890.42	
Study Building & Land Use +					
Balance July 1	20,777.10		9,755.08	11,022.02	
Audit - Municipal Accounts +	11,000.00		10,500.00	500.00	
Study Vehicular & Pedestrian Traffic +					
Balance July 1	2,797.90			2,797.90	
Monitoring Ground Water - Landfill +					
Balance July 1	112,556.76		19,162.50	93,393.26	
Test & Replace Storage Tanks +					
Balance July 1	40,201.11		1,421.00	38,780.11	
Open Space Survey+					
Balance July 1	266.88	1,000.00	1,204.23	62.59	
Facilities Maintenance+	210,000.00				
Balance July 1	208,760.00		13,286.23	405,473.77	
Recycling & Energy Conservation +	5,000.00				
Balance July 1	9,445.52		3,182.89	11,262.63	
Commuter Parking Lease+					
Balance July 1	1,000.00			1,000.00	
Study of Rails/Trails		2,650.00	2,046.48		603.52
Church Street Parking+	10,000.00			10,000.00	
Town Administrator					
Salary	94,100.00		94,100.00		

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION OR FUND	APPROPRIATIONS		TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND	EXPENDED DURING FY 1998	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO		TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE FY 1998
	FY 1998 & BALANCES	July-1-1997			FY 1999	FY 1998	
Asst. Town Administrator Salary	48,362.00	48,362.00		48,362.00	68.40	478.95	
Expenses	955.00			407.65			
Finance Committee							
Expenses	1,965.00			1,196.97		768.03	
Elections and Registration							
Expenses	10,620.00			7,976.29	990.00	1,653.71	
Town Reports							
Expenses	12,700.00		1,725.00	14,172.28		252.72	
Town Accountant							
Salary	45,023.00			40,803.34		4,219.66	
Administrative Assistant Salary	35,561.00			35,561.00			
Expenses	970.00			935.28		34.72	
Assessors							
Chairman's Salary	100.00			100.00			
2nd Member's Salary	100.00			100.00			
3rd Member's Salary	100.00			100.00			
Office Salaries	101,684.00			98,011.05		3,672.95	
Expenses	11,600.00			11,494.35	105.65		
Expert Appraisal of Taxable Property	13,000.00			9,462.00	3,538.00		
Revaluation of Real & Personal Property +	25,000.00						
Balance July 1	210.00			23,010.04	2,199.96		
Treasurer and Collector							
Salary	48,816.00			48,816.00		1,911.91	
Office Salaries	79,028.00			77,116.09		7,606.39	
Expenses	34,580.00			22,423.61	4,550.00		
Town Clerk							
Salary	150.00			150.00			
Expenses	1,535.00			1,306.93		228.07	
Clerks of Committees							
Salaries	225,762.00			224,732.94	1,029.06		
Law							
Expenses	214,600.00			197,939.52		16,660.48	
Information Systems							
Expenses	106,803.00		119.00	93,799.35	4,035.35	9,087.30	
Board of Appeals							
Expenses	4,480.00			2,953.90	197.86	1,328.24	
Planning Board							

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION OR FUND	APPROPRIATIONS FY 1998 & BALANCES July 1-1997	TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND	EXPENDED DURING FY 1998	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO FY 1999	TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE FY 1998
Salaries	34,647.00		34,647.00		
Expenses	31,295.00		26,537.05	1,900.00	2,857.95
Town Owned Houses +	500.00				
Balance July 1	5,397.91		552.65	5,345.26	
Town Hall					
Salaries	36,918.00		30,246.19		6,671.81
Expenses	53,466.00	2,400.00	47,319.50	0.00	8,546.50
Town Hall - Maint. & Repairs +					
Balance July 1	5,683.34		960.00	4,723.34	
Town Hall - Equipment +	1,000.00				
Balance July 1	840.38		737.95	1,102.43	
Old Library Repair & Maintenance	10,000.00		7,723.40		2,276.60
Josiah Smith Tavern					
Expenses	2,515.00		2,515.00		
Brook School Housing					
Operation & Maintenance	209,841.00	6,000.00	198,050.63	15,888.77	1,901.60
Brook School - Repairs & Replacements +	94,600.00				
Balance July 1	39,509.62		23,045.74	111,063.88	
Brook Sch - Repair & Replace Septic System +					
Balance July 1	8,291.93			8,291.93	
Insurance and Fringe Benefits					
Workers' Compensation	186,310.00		135,443.00	250.00	50,617.00
Unemployment Compensation	18,000.00		16,678.54		1,321.46
Group Life, Accidental Death & Group Health	2,321,000.00		2,124,497.19	180,200.00	16,302.81
Contributory Retirement - Middlesex	986,862.00	14,201.00	1,001,063.00		
Contributory Retirement - Teachers	26,673.00		26,673.00		
Medicare and Social Security	175,000.00		165,005.40		9,994.60
Insurance - Fire and Boiler	94,987.00		83,659.00		11,328.00
Insurance - Motor Vehicles	82,300.00		67,861.00		14,439.00
Unclassified					
Expenses - All Other	8,800.00	2,435.00	11,214.68		20.32
Weston War Memorial Ed Fund Comm.					
Expenses	725.00		713.42		11.58
Memorial Day					
Expenses	750.00		750.00		

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION OR FUND	APPROPRIATIONS FY 1998 & BALANCES July-1-1997	TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND	EXPENDED DURING FY 1998	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO FY 1999	TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE FY 1998
Interest Payments	3,000.00		1,479.99		1,520.01
Interest on Refunds	6,277,805.55	30,530.00	5,161,923.41	968,635.41	177,775.67
Total General Government					
Public Safety					
Police Department					
Salaries	1,797,227.00		1,756,181.57	5,604.95	35,440.48
Expenses	172,147.00		159,139.66	6,276.34	6,731.00
Equipment and Apparatus +	85,924.00				
Balance July 1	28.14	7,290.00	85,731.03	7,511.11	
Reimb. Damage to Police Personnel +	20,000.00				
Balance July 1	312.79		20,260.31	52.48	
Fire Department					
Salaries	1,579,817.00		1,563,674.57	15,336.00	806.43
Expenses	133,405.00		128,839.01	4,497.80	68.19
Equipment and Apparatus +	28,525.00				
Balance July 1	16,150.46	8,000.00	15,631.59	37,043.87	
Hydrant Service	188,185.00		188,136.00		50.00
Fire Alarm-Extensions & Replacements	28,897.00	217.92	29,106.60		8.32
Indem. of Injured Firefighters +	1,000.00				
Balance July 1	3,766.62			4,766.62	
Central Fire Sta.-From Avail. Funds +	5,396.16			5,396.16	
Balance July 1					
Inspection Services	98,746.00		93,641.90	241.49	4,862.61
Expenses					
Traffic Signals					
Expenses	5,500.00	50.00	5,456.84		93.16
Sealer of Weights & Measures					
Expenses	300.00		172.00		128.00
Civil Defense +	1,500.00		635.12	3,548.35	
Balance July 1	2,683.47				
Dog Officer	6,200.00		5,984.30		215.70
Expenses					
Parking Clerk	500.00	100.00	217.10	382.90	
Expenses					
Tree Warden		750.00	30,778.70	869.32	4,087.98
Expenses	34,985.00				

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION OR FUND		APPROPRIATIONS FY 1998 & BALANCES July 1-1997	TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND	EXPENDED DURING FY 1998	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO FY 1999	TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE FY 1998
Tree Planting						
Moth Extermination						
Expenses		400.00		400.00		
Dutch Elm Disease Control						
Expenses		500.00				500.00
Total Public Safety		4,212,097.64	16,407.92	4,083,986.30	91,527.39	52,991.87
School Department						
Salaries		13,122,086.25		12,628,401.95	451,345.02	
Instructional, Maintenance & Other Expense		2,840,600.77		3,039,576.40	28,925.12	
Transportation		742,816.00	161,600.00	716,100.35	2,754.18	
Minuteman Regional Technical Sch.Dist.		113,218.00		113,218.00		
Total School Department		16,818,721.02	161,600.00	16,497,296.70	483,024.32	0.00
Public Works						
Salaries-Administrative		265,000.00		225,038.72		39,961.28
Salaries-Office		91,250.00		89,947.64		1,302.36
Salaries-All Other		1,023,095.00		1,018,400.59	4.86	4,689.55
Expenses		288,830.00		283,292.74	5,479.18	58.08
Equipment +		173,850.00				
Balance July 1		11,488.17		169,291.55	16,046.62	
Highways and Bridges						
Expenses		113,700.00		109,122.45	4,577.55	
Snow and Ice Control - Expenses		157,360.00		151,944.81		5,415.19
Drainage +		65,000.00				
Balance July 1		8,434.46		21,245.22	52,189.24	
Constr. & Reconstruct Public Ways +						
Balance July 1		41,499.93			41,499.93	
Highway Land Takings +						
Balance July 1		2,436.03			2,436.03	
Center Street Planting +						
Balance July 1		960.98			960.98	
Const. Sidewalks, Paths & Footways +		50,000.00				
Balance July 1		118,450.57			164,205.41	
Stonewall-Newton St.-Reconst. & Repair +				4,245.16		
Balance July 1		9,885.44			9,885.44	

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION OR FUND	APPROPRIATIONS FY 1998 & BALANCES July 1-1997	TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND	EXPENDED DURING FY 1998	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO FY 1998	TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE FY 1998
<u>Recycling & Solid Waste Disposal</u>					
Expenses					
Landfill Site-Eminent Domain (T.M. 5/91) +	507,880.00		353,230.07	19,065.85	135,584.08
Balance July 1	4.40				4.40
Recycling Program +				3,524.78	
Balance July 1	3,524.78				
<u>Water</u>					
Expenses					
Reimbursable Expenses	113,180.00		102,285.78	6,480.00	4,414.22
Purchase of Water	43,000.00		33,303.87	437.26	9,258.87
Equipment +	510,332.00		498,158.18		12,173.82
Balance July 1	49.26			49.26	
Standpipes - Maint. and Repair +					
Balance July 1	125,359.69			125,359.69	
Engineering & Consulting Services +					
Balance July 1	500.00			500.00	
<u>Aquifer Protection/Water Supply +</u>					
Balance July 1	2,237.09			2,237.09	
Lay & Relay Water Mains-From Avail.Funds+					
Balance July 1	66.19			66.19	
<u>Parks and Cemeteries</u>					
Expenses					
Equipment +	18,650.00		16,200.90	2,120.00	329.10
Balance July 1	3,423.00			3,423.00	
Stone Wall Repairs +					
Balance July 1	6,927.94			6,927.94	
Improvements/Development of Cmty Land					
Balance July 1	106,427.59		30,086.29	76,341.30	
Linwood Cemetery +					
Balance July 1	12,000.00			12,000.00	
<u>Street Lighting</u>	106,315.00		85,728.03	7,643.90	12,943.07
Total Public Works	3,981,117.52	-	3,191,522.00	563,461.50	226,134.02

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION OR FUND	APPROPRIATIONS FY 1998 & BALANCES July 1-1997	TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND	EXPENDED DURING FY 1998	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO FY 1999	TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE FY 1998
Health and Sanitation					
Board of Health					
Expenses	82,450.00	1,775.00	83,621.75	600.00	3.25
Mental Health Services					
Expenses	30,700.00	2,812.50	29,825.00	3,687.50	
Sewer Committee - Disp.Fac & T.Center +					
Balance July 1	663.91				663.91
Mosquito Control					
Expenses	22,543.00		22,543.00		
Total Health and Sanitation	136,356.91	4,587.50	135,989.75	4,287.50	667.16
Human Services					
Council on Aging					
Expenses	88,489.00	10,000.00	87,892.03	10,596.97	1,000.00
Senior Work Program	3,000.00		2,000.00		
Youth Counseling Services					
Expenses	39,300.00		39,148.21		151.79
Alcohol & Drug Advisory Committee					
Expenses	2,000.00		1,174.87	770.00	55.13
Veteran's Benefits					
Expenses	3,000.00		60.00		2,940.00
Total Human Services	135,789.00	10,000.00	130,275.11	11,366.97	4,146.92
Conservation					
Town Forest Acquisition +					
Balance July 1	925.37			925.37	
Conservation Commission					
Expenses	111,350.00		96,999.53		14,350.47
Conservation Fund +					
Balance July 1	923.48			923.48	
Wetlands Protection Act +					
Balance July 1	4,507.46		852.06	3,655.40	
Total Conservation	117,706.31	-	97,851.59	5,504.25	14,350.47

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION OR FUND

Libraries

APPROPRIATIONS FY 1998 & BALANCES July-1-1997	TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND	EXPENDED DURING FY 1998	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO FY 1999	TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE FY 1998
Salaries		513,422.91		13,082.09
Expenses		105,249.52		995.48
Library Materials		63,624.00		5,304.74
Maintenance and Repair		13,535.56		964.44
Library Equipment		8,570.63		54.37
Minuteman Library Network + Balance July 1		28,099.54		
Total Libraries	-	727,197.42	0.00	20,401.12

Historical Commission

Expenses		620.72	2,379.28	
H.C. Markers+		250.00	750.00	
Crescent St. Local Historic Dist.		69.28	180.58	0.14
Total Historical Commission	0.00	940.00	3,309.86	0.14

Recreation

Salaries		352,841.33	6,938.67	
Expenses		135,836.76	8,928.24	
Special Programs - Reimb. Exps.		212,110.35	12,325.21	564.44
Total Recreation	-	700,788.44	28,192.12	564.44

Maturing Debt - Raised By Assessors

Interest on Debt

Schools - Energy	5,633.00			
Schools - Athletic Facility	156.25			
Schools - H.S. Library Roof	1,945.00			
Schools - Bus Garage	468.75			
Schools - Equip. - Kitchen & Field School	1,775.00			
Schools - Field Sch. - Arch. & Engineering	2,130.00			
Schools - Field School Renovations	78,217.91			
Schools - H.S./M.S. Arch. & Eng.	1,488.75			
Schools - Remodeling & Extraord. Repairs	16,500.00			
Schools - Computers	1,165.00			
Schools - Fire Alarm & P.A. System	403.75			
Water Mains	153,603.50			
Police & Fire Station Roofs	152.50			
				0.03

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION OR FUND	APPROPRIATIONS	TRANSFERS	EXPENDED	BALANCE CARRIED	TRANSFERRED
	FY 1998 & BALANCES	FROM	DURING	FORWARD TO	TO REVENUE
	July-1-1997	RESERVE FUND	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998
Highway - Sidewalk Snowblower	1,294.90		1,294.88		0.02
Elderly Housing - Elevators	9,056.00		9,056.00		
Elderly Housing - Brook School	15,120.00		15,120.00		
Elderly Housing - Sewer System	5,150.00		5,150.00		
Fire Dept. Ambulance	318.75		318.75		
Land Acquisition - Case Estate	98,175.00		98,175.00		
New Library	155,622.00		155,621.62		0.38
Refuse Transfer Facility	78,613.50		78,613.50		
Landfill Closure	44,807.00		44,807.00		
Tennis Court Lights	457.50		457.50		
Tennis Courts Reconstruction	4,620.00		4,620.00		
Memorial Pool Reconstruction	24,646.00		24,646.00		
Computer Hardware	3,234.00		3,234.00		
Computer Software	1,868.50		1,868.50		
Bond Anticipation Notes	308,250.00		248,308.42		59,941.58
Tax Anticipation Notes	30,000.00		24,657.53		5,342.47
Total Interest on Debt	1,047,552.31		982,267.83	0.00	65,284.48
<u>Maturing Debt</u>					
Schools - Bus Garage	15,000.00		15,000.00		
Schools - Energy	21,500.00		21,500.00		
Schools - Athletic Fields	5,000.00		5,000.00		
Schools - Remodeling & Extraord. Repairs	100,000.00		100,000.00		
Schools - Fire Alarm & P. A. System	23,750.00		23,750.00		
School Kitchen & Field Sch. Equipment	25,000.00		25,000.00		
Field School Arch. & Eng. Services	30,000.00		30,000.00		
Field School Renovations	97,000.00		97,000.00		
H.S. Library Roof	10,000.00		10,000.00		
Schools - H.S./M.S. Arch. & Eng.	10,000.00		10,000.00		
School Computers	10,000.00		10,000.00		
Water Mains	292,500.00		292,500.00		
Elderly Housing - Brook School	120,000.00		120,000.00		
Brook School Housing - Elevators	46,000.00		46,000.00		
Brook School Housing - Sewage	10,000.00		10,000.00		
Police & Fire Station Roofs	5,000.00		5,000.00		
Highway - Street Sweeper	18,000.00		18,000.00		
Highway - Sidewalk Snowblower	13,000.00		13,000.00		
Fire Dept. Ambulance	18,750.00		18,750.00		

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION OR FUND	APPROPRIATIONS FY 1998 & BALANCES July-1-1997	TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND	EXPENDED DURING FY 1998	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO FY 1999	TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE FY 1998
Fire Dept. Ambulance	18,750.00		18,750.00		
Land Acquisition - Case Estate	170,000.00		170,000.00		
New Library	197,500.00		197,500.00		
Refuse Transfer Facility	122,000.00		122,000.00		
Landfill Closure	101,000.00		101,000.00		
Tennis Court Lights	5,000.00		5,000.00		
Tennis Courts Reconstruction	20,000.00		20,000.00		
Memorial Pool Reconstruction	44,000.00		44,000.00		
Computer Hardware	20,000.00		20,000.00		
Computer Software	20,000.00		20,000.00		
Total of Maturing Debt	1,570,000.00		1,570,000.00		
Transfer to Capital Fund for Debt Repayment					
Expense	560,000.00		560,000.00		
Total Transfers to Capital Fund	560,000.00	-	560,000.00	-	-
Reserve Fund					
Reserve Fund	300,000.00	(242,961.42)			57,038.58
Total Reserve Fund	300,000.00	(242,961.42)			57,038.58
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	36,638,539.80	(19,836.00)	33,840,038.55	2,159,309.32	619,354.87

OTHER PAYMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW

County Tax 50,664.00
State Assessments 231,863.00
TOTAL STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS 282,527.00

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION OR FUND		APPROPRIATIONS FY 1998 & BALANCES July-1-1997	TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND	EXPENDED DURING FY 1998	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO FY 1999	TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE FY 1998
CARRIED FORWARD FROM PRIOR FISCAL YEARS						
Expenditures from Fiscal 1997 Appropriations						
Carried Forward to Fiscal 1998						
Town Accountant-Expenses		135.00		135.00		7,500.00
Treasurer & Collector-Expenses		7,500.00				
Town Hall-Expenses		32.57		32.57		43.50
Brook School Housing-Operation & Maint.		3,898.43		3,854.93		
Insurance & Fringe Benefits		50,000.00		50,000.00		2,603.39
Information Systems-Expenses		8,718.59		6,115.20		
Town Clerk-Expenses		1,141.50		1,141.50		
Conservation Commission-Expenses		20,158.00		20,158.00	9,700.00	
Planning Board-Expenses		9,700.00				
Police-Expenses		4,525.00		3,691.64		833.36
Police-Salaries		61,934.52	19,836.00	81,770.39		0.13
Inspection Services-Expenses		100.00				100.00
Parking Clerk-Expenses		145.60		145.60		
D.P.W.-Expenses		10,918.00				2,914.95
Highways & Bridges-Expenses		43,081.00		8,003.05		1,610.60
Solid Waste Disposal-Expenses		21,804.39		41,470.40		582.74
Parks & Cemeteries-Expenses		1,400.00		21,221.65		907.50
Council on Aging-Salaries		130.00		492.50		130.00
Youth Counseling-Expenses		38.71		38.71		
Recreation-Expenses		1,728.20		403.20		1,325.00
		247,089.51	19,836.00	238,674.34	9,700.00	18,551.17
Expenditures from Fiscal 1993 Appropriations						
Carried Forward to Fiscal 1998						
Fire Department - Expenses		791.57		791.57	0.00	
		791.57		791.57		
Total Prior Fiscal Years		247,881.08	19,836.00	239,465.91	9,700.00	18,551.17

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION OR FUND	APPROPRIATIONS FY 1998 & BALANCES July-1-1997	TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND	EXPENDED DURING FY 1998	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO FY 1999	TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE FY 1998
SPECIAL REVENUES					
<u>School Lunch Program</u>					
Received - Sale of Lunches	521,246.00				
Received - Comm. of Mass.	12,531.00				
Received - Federal Government	46,991.00				
Balance July 1	(2,702.00)		523,646.00	54,420.00	
<u>Total School Lunch Program</u>	<u>578,066.00</u>		<u>523,646.00</u>	<u>54,420.00</u>	
<u>Special School Funds</u>					
<u>School Athletic Fund</u>					
Receipts	46,694.00				
Balance July 1	43,384.00		34,813.00	55,265.00	
Gift for General Support					
Gifts Received	123,541.00		31,580.00		
Balance July 1	27,997.00			119,958.00	
Weston Metco Transportation Gift					
Gifts Received	11,008.00				
Balance July 1	10,200.00		4,308.00	16,900.00	
Adult Education					
Receipts	12,970.00				
Balance July 1	1,748.00		18,332.00	(3,614.00)	
School Enrichment					
Receipts	8,615.00				
Balance July 1	3,970.00		5,213.00	7,380.00	
Racial Imbalance (METCO)					
Grant Received	892,244.00				
Balance July 1	(150,343.00)		716,985.00	24,916.00	
IDEA SPED					
Grant Received	13,420.00				
Balance July 1	27,749.00		104,583.00	(63,414.00)	
Curriculum Frameworks					
Grant Received	6,860.00				
Balance July 1	5,512.00		11,847.00	525.00	
Project Mainstream					
Balance July 1			96.00	(96.00)	

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION OR FUND	APPROPRIATIONS FY 1998 & BALANCES July 1-1997	TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND	EXPENDED DURING FY 1998	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO FY 1999	TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE FY 1998
Chapter II					
Balance July 1	491.00		4,600.00	(4,109.00)	
Health - Smoking Cessation					
Grant Received	31,572.00			2,689.00	
Balance July 1	20,956.00		49,839.00		
DDE - Chapter II					
Grant Received	6,571.00			8,013.00	
Balance July 1	3,003.00		1,561.00		
Early Childhood					
Grant Received	3,005.00			(20,710.00)	
Balance July 1	7,933.00		31,648.00		
Drug Free Schools					
Balance July 1	5,680.00		1,464.00	4,216.00	
Presidential Math					
Grant Received	7,500.00			7,445.00	
Balance July 1			55.00		
Total Special School Funds	1,172,280.00		1,016,924.00	155,364.00	
Other Gifts and Grants					
Library - General Purposes					
Gifts Received	10,867.00			18,929.00	
Balance July 1	33,962.00		25,900.00		
Library - Municipal Equal. Grant					
Grant Received	1,169.70			9,157.49	
Balance July 1	24,922.61		16,934.82		
Library - Non-Resident Circulation					
Grant Received	9,754.92			12,286.97	
Balance July 1	6,260.13		3,728.08		
Library - Library Incentive Grant					
Grant Received	5,150.50			13,486.74	
Balance July 1	13,086.64		4,750.40		
LSCA & Title I					
Grant Received	1,053.00			(468.00)	
Balance July 1	1,159.00		2,680.00		
Library-Metro Rep System					
Balance July 1	16,883.53		11,573.14	5,310.39	
Library - Material Replacement					
Lost Books Proceeds	3,513.00				

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Balance July 1	4,094.00		1,101.00	6,506.00	
New Library - Construction Gifts					
Gifts Received	65,000.00				
Balance July 1	(62,814.00)		1,964.00	222.00	
Brook School - Maint. Deposit Interest					
Interest Received	7,082.00				
Balance July 1	13,908.00			20,990.00	
Recycling Gifts					
Gifts Received	14,250.00				
Balance July 1	679.00		9,025.00	5,904.00	
Insurance Reimbursement under \$20,000					
Insurance Proceeds	19,664.00				
Balance July 1	18,626.00		19,664.00		18,626.00
Helen G. Hill Flower Gift					
Balance July 1	39.00		16.00	23.00	
Conservation - NOI Fees					
Fees Received	4,611.00				
Appropriated by Town vote					
Balance July 1	4,098.00		2,391.00	6,318.00	
Recreation Gift Accounts					
Gifts Received	4,500.00				
Balance July 1	8,371.00		4,035.00	8,836.00	
Wayland 4-H - Dickson Ring					
Balance July 1	3,734.00			3,734.00	
COA - Transportation Gift					
Gifts Received	15,946.00				
Balance July 1	5,328.00		5,894.00	15,380.00	
COA - Program Gift Account					
Gifts Received	2,403.00				
Balance July 1	366.00		2,697.00	72.00	
COA - WSES - Outreach					
Receipts	5,833.00				
Balance July 1	(854.00)		6,826.00	(1,847.00)	
COA - Miscellaneous Gifts					
Gifts Received	1,622.00				
Balance July 1	10,293.00		7,913.00	4,002.00	
COA Computer Grant					

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Grant Receipts	3,025.00		2,248.00	777.00	
COA Formal Grant					
Grant Receipts	7,452.00				
Balance July 1	1,066.50		9,319.87	(801.37)	
MWRA Grants					
Grant Receipts	706,670.00				
Balance July 1	68,000.00		176,976.00	597,694.00	
Alcohol & Drug Education					
Balance July 1	75.00			75.00	
Weston Cultural Council					
Receipts					
Balance July 1	3,379.00				
Historical Commission Gifts	1,544.00		2,644.00	2,279.00	
Gifts Received					
Balance July 1	1,150.00		500.00	650.00	
Historical Marker Revolving Fund					
Receipts	2,000.00			2,000.00	
Balance July 1					
State Primary and Election Grant					
Balance July 1	1,765.00			1,765.00	
Town Ambulance Special Equip.					
Balance July 1	1,930.00			1,930.00	
Mobile Data Terminal					
Balance July 1	674.00			674.00	
Community Policing Grant					
Grant Receipts	23,000.00				
Balance July 1	1,557.28		24,436.21	121.07	
Drug Task Force					
Grant Receipts	1,843.30		1,257.03	586.27	
Fire Department - School Safety					
Grant Received	3,130.00				
Balance July 1	3,306.68		168.08	6,268.60	
Total - Other Gifts and Grants	1,106,128.79		344,641.63	742,861.16	18,626.00

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